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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in Annual Communication, in the hall of Logan Chapter, No. 2, in the city of Logansport, at 2 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the 18th day of October, A. D. 1871, A. I. 2401.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. REES J. CHESNUTWOOD, Grand High Priest.
R. E. WILLIAM HACKER, as Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, Grand King.
R. E. LAWRENCE B. STOCKTON, Grand Scribe.
R. E. CHARLES FISHER, Grand Treasurer.
R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, Grand Secretary.
E. Rev. JOHN H. NEVIUS, Grand Chaplain.
E. CHARLES T. McKIBBEN, Grand Captain of the Hosts.
E. REUBEN PEDEN, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. WILLIAM M. BLACK, Grand Guard.

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PERMANENT MEMBERS.

M. E. WILLIAM HACKER, Past Grand High Priest.
M. E. ERASTUS W. H. ELLIS, Past Grand High Priest.
M. E. SOL. D. BAYLESS, Past Grand High Priest.
M. E. HARVEY G. HAZELRIGG, Past Grand High Priest.
COMPS. NICHOLAS D. GROVER, JOHN B. ROSE, and Rev. JOHN LEACH, } Honorary Members.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. E. HARVEY G. HAZELRIGG, of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
M. E. SOL. D. BAYLESS, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
M. E. WILLIAM HACKER, of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

And a large number of visiting Companions.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in ample and solemn form, when, it appearing that a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters were duly represented, after prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the M. E. Grand High Priest declared the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana duly opened for the dispatch of business.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.—J. M. Bramwell, S. A. Lee and G. O. Iseminger.

On Visiting Companions.—Wm. Roach, Benj. C. Darrow and Thos. Nichols.

On Charters.—Reuben Peden, Consider Tinkler and Francis Macartney.

On Dispensations.—John D. Schmidlap, H. H. Bondinot and Joseph G. McPheeters.

On Grievances.—Ira G. Grover, Chas. T. McKibben and J. H. Nevius.

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On Claims.—R. T. Kercheval, Frank S. Devol and Gustave Sites.

On Pay-Roll.—L. A. Foote, John Butt and Joseph Hole.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.—H. G. Hazelrigg, Wm. Hacker and L. B. Stockton.

On Foreign Correspondence.—E. W. H. Ellis, Casper Fogel and Joseph Freeman.

On Unfinished Business.—John B. Routh, Jason N. Conley and Isaac B. Hymer.

Which was concurred in.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then read and submitted the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Indiana:

I congratulate you on this, the Twenty-Sixth Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter, that we have been spared and permitted to meet around our sacred Altar.

I trust we each feel truly grateful to the great I AM, for his unbounded goodness and mercy, vouchsafed to us in conducting us thus far safely over the rough paths of life, and permitting us weary sojourners thus to meet once more in Annual Communication around our mystic Altar. May our fraternal greetings be truly sincere, and may we here, whilst surveying the past, learn how to select our designs for the future, that all we do may be in accordance with the Divine command, and pass the scrutiny of the Grand Overseer's square.

Our past Masonic year has been one of unusual harmony and prosperity. No discordant sounds have been heard, and with but very few exceptions, have I been called upon to decide constitutional questions. And even when thus called upon, I have found that the printed Rules for the government of Subordinate Chapters are so perfect and complete, that every question asked could have been answered by the Companions in their own Chapters, by simply referring to these Rules.

In vacation I have granted Dispensations for the formation of Chapters at the following places:

December 28, 1870, at Bloomfield, in the county of Green, to be known as Bloomfield Chapter, U. D.

January 5, 1871, at Frankfort, in the county of Clinton, to be known as Clinton Chapter.

April 1, 1871, at Mishawaka, in the county of St. Joseph, to be known as Mishawaka Chapter, U. D.

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These Chapters will, I presume, make application for Charters at the present Convocation.

Should the committee to whom these Dispensations are referred find, as I doubt not they will, that the work done by them has been well done, I would respectfully recommend that Charters be issued to the Companions.

All of the above Dispensations were placed in the hands of P. G. H. P. William Hacker, with instructions to deliver them to the Companions, on his becoming satisfied that they were qualified to do the work in an intelligent manner; and from reports received from Comp. Hacker, I doubt not they will be numbered amongst our best working Chapters.

Peru Chapter, No. 62, having failed to elect their officers at the regular time prescribed by the Constitution, at the request of the Companions, I did on the first day of February, 1871, issue a Dispensation to them, to elect officers for the balance of the year.

Noble County Chapter, having some difficulty growing out of the Lockhart case, and which they suffered to run into politics, I re-requested Comp. Hacker to visit them, and get them in working order if possible. On the 29th day of May, 1871, Companion Hacker reported that he had visited said Chapter, and found them in a disorganized condition, and knowing but little about the work; that the new set of officers elected had marked out a course of procedure, which, if followed, they would get rid of their difficulties; that they had taken the work prescribed by the Grand Chapter, and determined to sustain the Chapter in a creditable manner. Since which time I have heard nothing from them.

Companion Hacker, by request, visited Rockport Chapter, No. 57, and on the 23d of March, 1871, he writes to me: "I found the Chapter in a *dilapidated condition*, having done nothing for over two years. At their election in December, they happily elected a High Priest who determined to do something, or quit entirely. After visiting them, I am happy to report to you that we succeeded in *reviving* it up, and taking a fresh start. I now see no good reason to doubt their success in the future."

On the 7th of January, 1871, the Grand Secretary wrote me, that he had been visited by the High Priest of Westfield Chapter, No. 74, from whom no report had been received for the years 1869 and 1870, and that he promised that the back dues should be paid by the 1st of April. I did not deem any further action on my part necessary.

On the 5th of August, 1871, I appointed Robert W. Furnas Representative of this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. This I did in pursuance of the authority granted the Grand High Priest at our Annual Convocation of 1869 (see page 41 of the proceedings of said Convocation).

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I attended the Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Chapter, at Baltimore, in September last, in company with Comp. Hazelrigg, as proxy for the D. G. H. P.; Comp. Thomas, as G. K., and Comp. Stockton, as G. Scribe. We had a pleasant and harmonious Convocation, and I doubt not that it was a profitable meeting to all who had the pleasure of participating in it. The question of amending the Constitution, by striking out the degree of Past Master, came up under the head of unfinished business. After a full and free discussion of the subject, a vote by Chapters was called for, and resulted as follows: fourteen votes for, and one hundred and ten against the adoption, your delegates voting as instructed, in the negative. The other proposition, to amend the Constitution by adding after the words "all G. H. P., Dep. G. H. P., G. Kings, and Gr. Scribes," "and all Past Grand High Priests," met with more favor, as it was adopted by a large majority. In justice to the delegates from this Grand Chapter, I desire to say, they voted in the *negative*, not wishing to seem to vote privileges upon themselve. The question of the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree, was very fully discussed, and it was decided, by a large majority, that it was not unconstitutional, but recommended, that where it could be avoided, the practice should not prevail.

I have read with pleasure and satisfaction the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:

Alabama, at Montgomery, December 6, 1870. They elected Henry Clay Armstrong, G. H. P., and Daniel Sayre, G. Secretary.

Arkansas, at Little Rock, November 17, 1870. E. H. English, G. H. Priest; L. E. Barber, G. Secretary.

Connecticut, at New Haven, November 1, 1870. Grand officers elect, Charles W. Stearns, G. H. P.; J. K. Wheeler, G. Secretary.

Canada, at the city of Quebec, August 10, 1870.

California, April 7, 1871, at San Francisco. James Lawrence English, G. H. P.; Charles Lewis Wiggan, G. Secretary.

Delaware, at Dover, January 18, 1871. Allen V. Lesley, G. H. P.; W. F. Goodwin, G. Secretary.

District of Columbia, at Washington, November 14, 1870. John Lockie, G. H. P.; N. D. Larner, G. Secretary.

Florida, at Tallahassee, January 10, 1871, and elected Dewit C. Dawkins, G. H. P., and W. M. McIntosh, G. Secretary.

Georgia, in the City of Augusta, April 26, 1871, and elected Moses P. Kellogg, G. H. P.; J. Emmett Blackshear, G. Secretary.

Illinois, at the city of Chicago, October 7, 1870. Augustus A. Murray, G. H. P., and Jas. H. Niles, G. Secretary.

Iowa, at Clinton, October 15, 1870, and elected the following officers: Z. C. Luse, G. H. P., and George R. Foster, G. Secretary.

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Kentucky, in the city of Louisville, October 20, 1870, and elected Henry Bostwick, G. H. P., and Philip Swigert, G. Secretary.

Kansas, in the city of Atchison, October 18, 1870. Officers elect, Owen A. Bassett, G. H. P., and E. T. Carr, G. Secretary.

Louisiana, at New Orleans, 14th day of February, 1871. Officers elect, M. E. Girard, G. H. P.; Jas. C. Batchelor, G. Secretary.

Mississippi, in the city of Vicksburg, January 20, 1871. Charles T. Bond, G. H. P., and J. L. Power, G. Secretary.

Missouri, in the city of St. Louis, October 10, 1870. Officers, J. H. Fox, G. H. P., and Geo. Frank Gouley, G. Secretary.

Maryland, in the city of Baltimore, November 14, 1870, and elected Charles H. Ohr, G. H. P., and Wm. A. Wentz, G. Secretary.

Minnesota, in the city of St. Paul, January 10, 1871. G. W. Merrill, G. H. P., and W. S. Combs, G. Secretary.

Michigan, in the city of Detroit, 9th January, 1871. Officers, Hugh McCurdy, G. H. P.; Rufus W. Landon, G. Secretary.

Massachusetts, in the city of Boston, December 13, 1870. Zepheniah H. Thomas, Jr., G. H. P.; Alfred F. Chapman, G. Secretary.

Maine, in the city of Portland, May 2, 1871. Officers elect, Stephen J. Young, G. H. P., and Ira Berry, G. Secretary.

North Carolina, in Wilmington, on the 30th November, 1870. Wm. Murdock, G. H. P., and Thos. B. Carr, G. Secretary. Also a report, dated June, 5, 1871. They having changed their time of meeting, we received two reports in one year. The officers elected are John, Nichols, G. H. P., and Thos. B. Carr, G. Secretary.

New York, in the city of Albany, February 7, 1871. Rees G. Williams, G. H. P., and Christopher G. Fox, G. Secretary.

Nebraska, in Plattsmouth, June 20, 1870, and elected E. A. Allen, G. H. P., and W. R. Furnas, G. Secretary.

New Jersey, at the city of Trenton, on the 14th September, 1870. Officers elect, H. Higganbotham, G. H. P., and John Woolverton, G. Secretary.

Oregon, in the town of Astoria, June 17, 1870, and elected the following officers: James R. Bayley, G. H. P., and N. P. Earhart, G. Secretary.

Ohio, in the city of Cincinnati, September 13, 1870. Officers elect, Charles C. Keifer, G. H. P., and John D. Caldwell, G. Secretary.

Pennsylvania, in the city of Philadelphia, December 27, 1870, and elected the following: Michael Nisbet, G. H. P., and Peter Williamson, G. Secretary.

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Rhode Island, in Providence, on the 14th of March, 1871, and elected Thomas A. Doyle, G. H. P., and George H. Bornham, G. Secretary.

South Carolina, at the city of Charleston, February 14, 1871, and elected the following officers: James A. Hoyt, G. H. P., and Augustus T. Smythe, G. Secretary.

Tennessee, in the city of Nashville, November 9, 1870. Officers, William H. Armstrong, G. H. P., and John Frizzell, G. Secretary.

Virginia, in the city of Richmond, on the 15th day of December, 1870. Officers elect, John P. Little, G. H. P., and John Dove, G. Secretary.

Wisconsin, in the city of Milwaukee, January 17, 1871, and elected the following: Joseph Yates, G. H. P., and W. T. Palmer, G. Secretary.

This being all the Grand Chapters with whom we are in correspondence, I believe, except New Hampshire, Vermont and Texas, which, for some cause, have failed to forward their proceedings. Many of the above Grand Chapters speak in flattering terms of this Grand Body, but it is not expected, in the time allotted me, that I review their acts. This would occupy more time and space than I have at present, even had I the ability to do the subject justice. They all with one accord agree that Capitular Masonry in their several jurisdictions is on the increase, as it must, and will be, wherever true light and information is dispensed.

Companions, we are living in a time when it may be well to sound a note of alarm. The calm which we are now experiencing may be but the precurser to the storm, for it is a well known fact that there are at present in our land, men, occupying positions of social and moral importance, who are trying to sap the foundations of our great moral edifice. From this, I apprehend, we have but little to fear. Our only cause for alarm is within ourselves. A growing desire is manifest in our Chapters to increase their number, without, (I fear, in some instances,) a proper regard to the quality of the material used. Permit me, then, to urge upon all subordinates the importance of guarding well the portals of the sanctuary, and suffer none to enter but the worthy. Our strength does not consist in the quantity, but the quality of the material.

And now, Companions, while our hearts glow with gratitude to the Author of all good, for his mercy and kindness to us as individuals, and for the prosperity that everywhere attends our Order, a gloom steals over our spirits when we contemplate the desolation that has fallen on our sister city, Chicago, the garden city, the great and growing commercial center, so late the pride and boast of our own North-west; alas! now clothed in sackcloth and ashes. The extent and terribleness of this conflagration can not be told; it finds

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no parallel on this continent—perhaps not in the world. I will not sadden you with agonizing details; language fails me to depict such horror. Much of the suffering has fallen heavily upon members of our Fraternity, thousands of whom are bereft of employment, and whose families, homeless and helpless, are looking to them for bread. Companions, then let us be up and doing, Masons, our mission is to the suffering and sorrowing of earth. The appeal is now made, most emphatically, to us, and, I feel assured, will not be made in vain.

My year of service having nearly expired, whatever may have been the results of my administration, whether for good or otherwise, I have in all things endeavored to perform my duty; and now, in closing, permit me to congratulate you upon the happy and prosperous condition of our Order within our jurisdiction. May that same prosperity and happiness attend it in the years to come.

R. J. CHESNUTWOOD, G. H. P.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of Comp. Peden it was

Resolved, That the Annual Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest be referred to a Select Committee, for the purpose of assigning its several subjects to appropriate committees.

And thereupon Companions Peden, Hazelrigg, and Rice were appointed said committee.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES.

Comp. Hacker submitted the following:

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

As the Annual Communication of our Grand Chapter occurs so soon after the recent Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, that it precludes the possibility of having the printed proceedings of that Grand Body to lay before you, as has been the case heretofore, we, your representatives, have thought that a report of the proceedings while in session would not be out of order, or uninteresting to the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction at the present time.

We therefore proceed to lay before you a synopsis of the matters that were acted upon by the General Grand Chapter, at its recent Triennial Session, in the city of Baltimore, some of which may be found of considerable importance to us as a Grand Chapter, and may require some action on our part in order to render them effective.

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The General Grand Chapter was opened at nine o'clock A. M., on the 19th day of September last, a very large and full representation from State Grand Chapters being present.

The first matter of importance taken up for consideration, was the proposed amendments to the Grand Constitution, striking out the P. M. degree as a Constitutional degree in the Chapter Rite, and the admitting of Past Grand High Priests as permanent members of the General Grand Chapter.

The first of these propositions—that of striking out the P. M. degree—was fully and most ably discussed, and a vote taken by Grand Chapters, when there were one hundred and twenty-four votes cast, fourteen for, and one hundred and ten against the proposed amendment.

We find that this same matter was before the General Grand Chapter in 1856, and again in 1859, when the same result was reached as in the present instance, and with nearly the same unanimity. And we should think that the question might now be permitted to repose quietly, at least until the present generation has passed away.

The second proposed amendment—that of making Past Grand High Priests permanent members of the General Grand Chapter—was adopted unanimously.

The custom in most jurisdictions of using *substitutes* in conferring the R. A. degree, was presented by the Representatives from the Grand Chapter of Maine, referred to an able committee, upon whose report it was decided, that there was nothing in the obligations or laws of Royal Arch Masonry, prohibiting the use of substitutes; that it had been practiced from the first institution of the Order, separated from the Ancient Craft degrees; but that Chapters be now advised to refrain from the use of them, except in extreme cases of emergency.

This, it will be remembered, is the conclusion upon this subject arrived at by our Grand Chapter, at the Annual Communication, in 1866, and we do think that this decision now made by the highest tribunal of our Order, should be acquiesced in by all, and so let the question rest.

A resolution was adopted by the General Grand Chapter, recommending all State Grand Bodies of our Order to furnish Public Libraries with copies of their proceedings, and especially the National Library at Washington City, where, it was announced, they would be properly taken care of, bound in suitable volumes, and carefully preserved for future reference.

This, in some points of view, is an important matter, and perhaps it would be as well for the Grand Chapter to consider the recommendation at the present time. It is possible, and but *barely* possible, that a full copy of the proceedings of each of our Grand Masonic Bodies may now be found, and surely no better or more appropriate

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place than our National Library could be suggested, wherein to make a deposit of our printed proceedings, that they may be accessible to the future historian of our nation, as well as of our Order.

An appeal from the action of a Chapter subordinate to the Grand Chapter of Delaware, was presented, and referred to one of the standing committees, almost immediately recalled and referred to the Grand Chapter, from whose jurisdiction it came. This was the sober second thought, and doubtless the correct one. It would have been rather a singular case of proceedings indeed, had the General Grand Chapter entertained an appeal from the action of a Chapter subordinate to a State Grand Chapter, without the consent and request of such Grand Chapter. This action evidently shows that the General Grand Chapter fully recognizes the supreme authority of State Grand Chapters over all matters arising within their respective jurisdictions.

A proposition to again attempt to revise and unify the work and ritual in conferring the several degrees of the Chapter, was presented and promptly laid upon the table, where we trust that subject will now be permitted to rest, and we don't care if it is for all future time.

The 8th section of the 1st article of the General Grand Constitution makes it the duty of the officers composing the Grand Council of the General Grand Chapter "to improve and perfect themselves in the sublime arts and work," as well as "the several Masonic lectures and ancient charges—to consult with" the State Grand officers "for the purpose of adopting measures suitable and proper for diffusing a knowledge of said lectures and charges."

This provision, it appears, has been a part of the requirements of the General Grand Constitution since the session of what was then called the "General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for the six Northern States of America enumerated in the preamble," held at Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, on the 10th day of January, 1799. Yet up to the Triennial Session, held in the city of Columbus, Ohio, in 1847, it appears there were no efforts whatever put forth, or measures adopted, by any of the General Grand Chapter officers, to make that provision of the Constitution effective. And up to the present time, so far as the General Grand officers are concerned, that provision has remained a dead letter in the General Grand Constitution.

At the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, held in the city of Boston, in 1850; again in Lexington, in 1853, and again in Hartford, in 1856, the General Grand Chapter, as it appears from their printed proceedings, took the matter into their own hands, and no doubt put forth their best efforts to effect a uniformity in the work and lectures throughout the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

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These efforts, laudable as they no doubt were, resulted only in the adoption of the following resolution, at the session of 1856:

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter, having failed to determine on any specific mode of work, that it is urgently recommended to the officers of the Grand Chapters, by careful investigation, to make themselves acquainted with the ancient work of the Order, and to disseminate it among their respective subordinates."

Here the matter seems to have rested, so far as the General Grand Chapter is concerned.

In accordance with the provisions of the foregoing resolution, most, if not all the Grand Chapters, have taken hold of the matter, and adopted a system of work and lectures for their respective jurisdictions, and have disseminated the same among their subordinates, in each of which there may be some slight variation in verbiage from others, but surely not sufficient to cause any inconvenience to a Companion of one jurisdiction freely making himself known as a Royal Arch Mason in any other jurisdiction. The ceremonies and symbols, with the great moral lessons they teach, as also the means of recognition, are the same everywhere, and to attempt to make every Royal Arch Mason use, at all times, in the rituals, precisely the same form of words, is about as futile and useless as to attempt to compel each and all to breathe the vital air at precisely the same moment of time, and we are persuaded that the one is just about as laudable or necessary as the other.

We are of the opinion that there is no one thing the General Grand Chapter could do that would tend to destroy the confidence, and so readily result in a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter, as the attempt to compel every State Grand Chapter that has, in accordance with the resolution above quoted, adopted a uniform mode of work and rituals for their respective jurisdictions, to now change the same and adopt another. Before making the attempt, we would suggest that perhaps it would be as well to reflect for a moment upon the result that would inevitably follow.

The resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter in 1856, in regard to the ceremonies in conferring the P. M. degree, the substance of which was embodied in and became Section 69, in our Code of Rules for the government of subordinate Chapters, was on motion repealed. This action was necessary and right, as the General Grand Chapter had declared that she could agree upon no system of work for conferring the degrees, and had referred the whole matter to the officers of Grand Chapters. It was therefore necessary that this restriction should be repealed, so that Grand Chapters might be entirely free to act from the best information they might be able to obtain, and not restricted by any side issues of this kind.

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The resolution being repealed, the entire matter is now in the hands and under the control of Grand Chapters.

The financial condition of the General Grand Chapter did not at all come up satisfactory. The revenue for the past three years was perhaps less than one thousand dollars, which, after paying the incidental expenses necessarily incurred, left but little to meet the expenses of printing the proceedings.

In view of this condition of the treasury, the Committee on Finance, who had the matter under consideration, reported, recommending that the several Grand Chapters be requested to collect from the members of their respective jurisdictions, an amount equal to three cents each, triennially, and remit the same to the General Grand Secretary, in order to raise a revenue sufficient to support the General Grand Chapter. Should you determine to grant this request, and make the collections accordingly, it will amount in the next three years to about one hundred and fifty dollars, and should the several Grand Chapters all meet the request, it will give the General Grand Chapter a revenue from this source of near five thousand dollars for the next three years.

The question might here arise in the minds of some as to what use the General Grand Chapter can have for so much revenue. To this we can only reply that should the amount be realized, there is but little doubt that the members of the General Grand Chapter can devise some use for the amount. Perhaps they might find it expedient to appropriate some goodly portion thereof towards defraying the expenses of some of the magnificent banquets that are usually given on such occasions. But the request is before you, Companions, for your consideration and action.

The only amendment proposed to the General Grand Constitution, was to make the Past Grand officers of the General Grand Chapter permanent members. This amendment of course lays over for consideration at the next Triennial Convocation.

At this session of the General Grand Chapter, eight charters were issued for new Chapters, one of which was for a Chapter formed in the city of Shanghai, in the Empire of China. The General Grand Chapter now has subordinate Chapters in China, in Turkey, and in the Sandwich Islands; and thus we find that our American Rite, though modern among the many rites of our Order, as it may be considered, is nevertheless addressing itself to the judgment and understanding of the Fraternity in other lands, and its just merits duly appreciated by the members in other nationalities.

The following named Companions were elected the officers of the General Grand Chapter for the ensuing three years:

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CHARLES H. ORR, Maryland, G. G. K.
CHARLES MARSH, California, G. G. S.
JOHN MCCLELLAND, Massachusetts, G. G. Treas.
C. G. FOX, New York, G. G. Secretary.
JOSEPH YATES, Wisconsin, G. G. C. H.
D. C. DAWKINS, Florida, G. G. R. A. C.

This, in many respects, was the very best selection that could have been made. They were all elected with great unanimity, and with perhaps but one exception—that of General Grand Secretary—upon the first ballot.

The city of Nashville, Tennessee, and the last Tuesday in November, 1874, at 9 o'clock A. M., was fixed upon as the time and place for the meeting of the next Triennial Convocation.

We have thus endeavored to give you as succinct a statement of what was done at this session of the General Grand Chapter as is at all possible, without having a full copy of the proceedings before us. In these facts which we have presented, we believe will be found all the matters that were thought worthy of consideration during the entire session, except some esoteric matter, which will be communicated to you orally, in order that you may have the transactions and decisions of the General Grand Chapter before you at once, that such action may be taken by you as may be found expedient or necessary to give force and effect to the various subjects acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HACKER, P. G. G. King,
R. J. CHESNUTWOOD, G. H. Priest,
H. G HAZELRIGG, Proxy for Dept. G. H. P.,
ALEXANDER THOMAS, G. King,
L. B. STOCKTON, G. Scribe.

Which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

On motion of Comp. Hacker, it was

Resolved, That all matters of business proper to be considered by any of the Standing Committees, be so referred, without reading.

Comp. Bramwell submitted the following:

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana:

The Committee on Credentials submits the following, showing the names of duly authorized Representatives of Subordinate Chapters in the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter, Oct., 1871:

No. of Chapter.	Name of Chapter.	Dues Paid.	Dues Unpaid.	Name of Representative.
1	Madison	$33 50	.....	John D. Schmidlap.
2	Logan	36 00	.....	C. F. Thompson.
3	La Fayette	40 50	.....	Consider Tinkler.
4	King Solomon's	82 00	.....	Samuel Marlatte.
5	Indianapolis	85 00	.....	Ben. C. Darrow.
6	Keystone	41 50	.....	Martin H. Rice.
7	Vincennes	24 50	.....	
8	Greensburg	29 00	.....	Ira G. Grover.
9	Cambridge	55 50	.....	Wm. B. Enyeart.
10	Columbus	70 00	.....	John B. Grove.
11	Terre Haute	112 50	.....	H. H. Bondinot, Prox.
12	Evansville	38 00	.....	G. H. Fish, Prox.
13	Aurora	23 00	.....	Thomas J. Bailey, Prox.
14	Noblesville	25 00	.....	John Pontious.
15	La Porte	43 50	.....	J. H. Wilson.
16	Brookville	17 50	.....	Casper Fogel.
17	New Albany	26 00	.....	Frank S. Devol, Prox.
18	Maxwell	.....	.....	
19	Fort Wayne	121 50	.....	Joseph Freeman, Prox.
20	Shelby	64 00	.....	William Hacker, Prox.
21	Delphi	.....	.....	
22	Green Castle	22 00	.....	Garret Conover, Prox.
23	Mitchell	30 00	.....	Elihu L. McIntire.
24	Rush	19 50	.....	Thomas Poe.
25	Michigan City	21 75	.....	
26	Wabash	29 50	.....	N. D. Myers.
27	Huntington	28 00	.....	John G. Williams.
28	Washington	.....	.....	
29	South Bend	71 00	.....	O. H. Brusie.
30	Muncie	88 50	.....	John V. H. Cassady.
31	Kokomo	.....	.....	
32	Milan	29 00	.....	
33	Knightstown	49 50	.....	James Hall, Prox.
34	Hacker	11 50	.....	G. O. Iseminger.
35	Randolph	24 00	.....	John B. Routh.
36	La Grange	10 00	.....	Gustave Sites.
37	Parke	20 50	.....	W. D. Thomas, Prox.
38	Salem (1870-71)	42 00	.....	Alvah C. Trueblood, Prox.
39	Lebanon	27 00	.....	S. A. Lee.
40	Crawfordsville	34 00	.....	Lucien A. Foote.
41	Liberty	.....	.....	
42	Noble County	20 00	.....	C. Eldred.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.—CONTINUED.

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Dues Paid.	Dues Unpaid.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
43	Dunkirk	$31 50	.....	George H. Moore.
44	McCordsville	.....	.....	
45	Goshen	33 00	.....	E. W. H. Ellis.
46	Danville	23 00	.....	Thomas Nichols.
47	Chester	18 00	.....	Isaac B. Hymer.
48	Warsaw	25 50	.....	W. G. Piper, Prox.
49	Plymouth	34 50	.....	Daniel McDonald.
50	New Castle	48 50	.....	James M. Mowrer, Prox.
51	Pendleton	18 00	.....	
52	Anderson	27 50	.....	William Roach.
53	Lincoln	21 00	.....	
54	Columbia City	16 00	.....	C. H. Pond.
55	Marion	44 50	2 50	Lewis Jenkins.
56	Lawrenceburg	44 00	.....	John C. Hibbets.
57	Rockport	36 00	.....	Robert T. Kercheval.
58	Angola	17 50	.....	Francis Macartney.
59	Brazil	27 00	.....	Jacob Thomas, Prox.
60	Clarksburg	12 00	.....	Hugh Brison.
61	Gosport	60 00	.....	James R. Henry, Prox.
62	Peru	.....	.....	
63	William Hacker	23 00	.....	John Butt.
64	Kendallville	29 50	.....	Carr Green, Prox.
65	Franklin	38 00	.....	B. Peter, Prox.
66	Horeb	26 00	.....	Jabez R. Cole.
67	Jay	.....	.....	
68	Vernon	16 50	.....	Joseph Hole.
69	Beharrell	21 50	.....	Thos. Armstrong, Prox.
70	Bloomington	13 00	.....	J. G. McPheters, Prox.
71	Oceola	25 50	.....	O. O. Thwing.
72	Cannelton	.....	14 50	
73	Mt. Vernon	.....	.....	
74	Westfield	.....	.....	
75	Princeton	18 50	.....	J. N. Ryan.
76	Warrick	10 00	.....	
77	Spencer	17 00	.....	Inman H. Fowler.
78	Plainfield	20 00	.....	Isaac A. Johnson.
79	Valparaiso	35 50	.....	
80	Loogootee	14 50	.....	Cornelius S. Wood, Prox.
U. D	Jerusalem	36 00	.....	Charles Harnisch, Prox.
U. D.	Elkhart	.....	.....	
U. D.	Clinton	16 50	.....	Perry W. Gard, Prox.
U. D.	Mishawaka	37 00	.....	E. R. Huntsinger.
U. D.	Bloomfield	.....	.....	Jason N. Conley.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BRAMWELL,
S. A. LEE,
GEORGE O. ISEMINGER,

Which was concurred in.

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REPORTS OF GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary each submitted the following Annual Reports, which were read and referred to the Committee on Pay Roll, to-wit:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana:

Your Treasurer respectfully submits the following Report of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Grand Chapter, for the year ending October 13th, 1871:

RECEIPTS.

1870.		
Oct. 18.—	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, as per Report of October 18th, 1870	$2,867 51
Oct. 28.—1.—	Rec'd of John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary.	590 75
1871.		
June 17.—2.—	Rec'd of John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary.	440 50
Sept. 14.—3.—	" " " " " "	319 75
Oct. 2.—4.—	" " " " " "	897 60
" 12.—5.—	" " " " " "	611 50
" 13.—6.—	" " " " " "	155 00
	Total Receipts to October 13th, 1871.....	$5,882 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

I claim credit for the payment of Warrants drawn by the Gr. Secretary, as shown by Vouchers from No. 1 to No. 19, inclusive:

On account of	Grand Chapter Appropriations.....	$158 60
" "	of Printing	293 20
" "	of Pay Roll for 1870	1,284 60
" "	of Grand Secretary's Salary.....	500 00
" "	of Blank Books and Stationery	29 00
" "	of Postage.....	48 55
" "	of Grand Treasurer's two per cent. on $3,015.10.	60 30
	Total.....	$2,374 25
	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, Oct. 13th, 1871.	3,508 36
		$5,882 61

The foregoing Report, with the books, papers, and vouchers, is most respectfully submitted,

CHAS. FISHER,
Grand Treasurer.

October 13th, 1871.

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GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 13th, 1871.

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana:

The Grand Secretary submits the following Annual Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Grand Treasury, October 17th, 1870		$2,867 51
On account of Grand Chapter dues, 1870	$732 75	
" " " " " " 1871	1,983 75	
" " of Dispensations	270 00	
" " of late Attica Chapter, No. 23	10 75	
" " of late Tippecanoe Chapter, U. D	2 35	
From Council of High Priests, 1870	15 50	
		3,015 10
Total Receipts		$5,882 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Grand Chapter Appropriations, 1870	$158 60	
" Printing	293 20	
" Pay Roll of 1870	1,284 60	
" Postage	48 55	
" Blank Books and Stationery	29 00	
" Grand Secretary's Salary	500 00	
" Grand Treasurer's Percentage	60 30	
		$2,374 25
Balance in Treasury		$3,508 36
To which add the amount loaned to the Grand Lodge, December 29th, 1869		5,500 00
Total		$9,008 36

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BRAMWELL,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL ADDRESS REFERRED.

Comp. Peden submitted the following:

The Committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, respectfully recommend—

1st. That so much as relates to dispensations granted, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

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2d. That so much as relates to the loss and suffering sustained by our Companions of Chicago, by the recent fire which devastated that city, be referred to a select committee.

3d. That so much as relates to subjects presented in the report of the doings of the General Grand Chapter at its last Triennial Convocation, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

R. PEDEN,
H. G. HAZELRIGG,
MARTIN H. RICE.

Which was concurred in.

And thereupon Companions Martin H. Rice, John H. Nevius and E. W. H. Ellis were appointed the select committee, called for in the second item in the last foregoing report.

INSTRUCTION TO SELECT COMMITTEE.

On motion of Comp. Hacker, it was

Resolved, That the select committee to whom has been referred so much of the annual address of the M. E. Grand High Priest as relates to the losses and sufferings of our Companions by the recent calamitous fire in the city of Chicago, be instructed to take into consideration a like calamity which has fallen upon our Companions in Wisconsin and Michigan.

PROPOSAL TO REMIT GRAND CHAPTER DUES.

WARSAW CHAPTER, NO. 48.

Comp. Daniel McDonald submitted the following:

WHEREAS, The Chapter room and fixtures of Warsaw Chapter, No. 48, were destroyed by fire on the 14th day of January, 1871, thereby leaving the Chapter at that place in a very embarrassing financial condition; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter dues from Warsaw Chapter, No. 48, for the year 1871, be, and the same are, hereby remitted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

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ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to ballot for Grand Officers for the ensuing year, Companions H. H. Bondenot and Frank S. Devol acting as Tellers, who, after receiving and counting the ballots, announced the following Companions as having received a majority of all the votes cast, who were severally declared duly elected, to-wit:

M. E. REES J. CHESNUTWOOD, of South Bend, Gr. High Priest.
R. E. EDEN H. DAVIS, of Shelbyville, Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, of Terre Haute, Grand King.
R. E. LAWRENCE B. STOCKTON, of La Fayette, Grand Scribe.
R. E. CHARLES FISHER, of Indianapolis, Grand Treasurer.
R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year, to-wit:

COMP. REV. JOHN. H. NEVIUS, of Rolling Prairie, Grand Chaplain.
COMP. CHARLES T. McKIBBEN, of Florence, Grand C. of the Hosts.
COMP. REUBEN PEDEN, of Knightstown. Grand R. A. Captain.
COMP. WILLIAM M. BLACK, of Indianapolis, Grand Guard.

Which was concurred in and confirmed.

Comp. Daniel McDonald offered the following:

Resolved, That Section 1, Article I, of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, be amended by striking out the words enclosed in parenthesis, as follows: "(Unless another place shall have been designated at the previous Annual Communication)."

Which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

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INSTALLATION.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to install the Grand Officers elect and appointed, (except Companion Eden H. Davis, the Dep. G. H. Priest-elect, who was not present,) agreeably to the forms and ceremonies heretofore adopted by this Grand Chapter, M. E. William Hacker, P. G. H. Priest, presiding and conducting the ceremonies, assisted by M. E. Erastus W. H. Ellis, P. G. H. Priest, as Grand Marshal, and Comp. Rev. John Leach as Grand Chaplain.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

P. M. E. G. H. P. William Hacker submitted his commission as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nebraska, near this Grand Chapter, which was cordially accepted, and the distinguished Companion duly recognized as such Grand Representative.

And then the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at half past eight o'clock.

THURSDAY, October 19th, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Present, the same officers and members as on yesterday.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

Comp. Peden submitted the following:

Nothing has been presented claiming the attention of your committee.

R. PEDEN,
Chairman.

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Comp. Schmidlap submitted the following:

JERUSALEM CHAPTER, NO. 81.

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the Records and By-Laws of Jerusalem Chapter, U. D., respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them correct, and the By-Laws in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted the Companions at Sullivan, in Sullivan county, by the name of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 81, and that Companion John C. Morgan be appointed High Priest, Companion James H. Wilson, King, and Companion Ampton H. Thornhill, Scribe, of said Chapter.

CLINTON CHAPTER, NO. 82.

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the Records and By-Laws of Clinton Chapter, U. D., have examined the same, and find them correct, and the By-Laws in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted the Companions of Frankfort, in Clinton county, by the name of Clinton Chapter, No. 82, and that Companion Leander McClurg be appointed High Priest, Companion Adam Blinn, King, and Companion William Wollever, Scribe, of said Chapter.

MISHAWAKA CHAPTER, NO. 83.

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the Records and By-Laws of Mishawaka Chapter, U. D., have examined the same, and find them correct, and the By-Laws in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted the Companions at Mishawaka, in St. Joseph county, by the name of Mishawaka Chapter, No. 83, and that Companion Edwin R. Huntsinger be appointed High Priest, Companion John T. Kellogg, King, and Companion Harlow Dodge, Scribe, of said Chapter.

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BLOOMFIELD CHAPTER, NO. 84.

Your Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the Records and By-Laws of Bloomfield Chapter, U. D., respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find them correct, and the By-Laws in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted the Companions at Bloomfield, in Greene county, by the name of Bloomfield Chapter, No. 84, and that Companion Jason N. Conley be appointed High Priest, Companion Aden G. Cavins, King, and Companion Henry Van Slyke, Scribe, of said Chapter.

JOHN D. SCHMIDLAP,
HENRY H. BONDINOT,
JOS. G. MCPHEETERS.

Which were severally concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

APPEAL OF L. F. TANNER, MILAN CHAPTER, NO. 32.

Comp. Nevius submitted the following:

The Committee on Grievances report that the only case which has been submitted for consideration, is a certified copy of the proceedings of Milan Chapter, No. 32, on the 14th of July, 1871, in the case of complaint against Comp. L. F. Tanner, for selling intoxicating liquors, in which action of the Chapter the said Tanner was expelled from all the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

This action of the Chapter the Committee recommend this Grand Chapter to approve.

C. T. MCKIBBEN,
J. H. NEVIUS,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Comp. Kercheval submitted the following:

DUES OF WARSAW CHAPTER, NO. 48, REMITTED.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the resolution proposing to remit the Grand Chapter dues of Warsaw Chapter, No. 48, for the year 1871, report, recommending the adoption of the same, to be entered to the credit of said Chapter, in payment of dues for subsequent years.

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ON APPLICATION OF GOSPORT CHAPTER, NO. 61.

Your Committee on Claims have examined the petition of Gosport Chapter, No. 61, praying that their dues for 1871 be refunded, for the reason that they have become involved, on account of their having erected a Masonic Temple at Gosport, and respectfully report that we deem it inexpedient to establish the precedent of making donations towards building Masonic Halls.

SUNDRY ALLOWANCES.

Comp. Devol offered the following:

Your Committee on Claims have examined the claims of Companions R J. Chesnutwood, H. G. Hazelrigg, L. B. Stockton and Alexander Thomas, embracing their expenses to the General Grand Chapter, amounting to one hundred and eighty-seven dollars, ($187) and having found the same correct, we respectfully recommend that the claims be allowed, as follows, to-wit:

To Comp. Rees J. Chesnutwood	$50 00
To Comp. H. G. Hazelrigg	45 75
To Comp. L. B. Stockton	48 55
To Comp. Alexander Thomas	42 70
	$187 00

Your committee also recommend that the sum of ten dollars ($10) be allowed Companion N. D. Grover, for services during the present session of the Grand Chapter.

R. T. KERCHEVAL,
F. S. DEVOL,
G. SITES.

Which were severally concurred in, and the allowances ordered to be paid.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Comp. Hazelrigg submitted the following:

SECTION 1, ARTICLE I, OF BY-LAWS AMENDED.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the proposition to amend Section 1, Article I, of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, report, that said Section be amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be opened at two o'clock P. M., on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, at the Grand Lodge Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, and shall continue in session, at such hours as shall be convenient, from day to day, until the business shall be fully disposed of.

Respectfully submitted.

H. G. HAZELRIGG,
WILLIAM HACKER,
L. B. STOCKTON.

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Which was concurred in and adopted, by the requisite majority, as specified in Article VI of the By-Laws.

Comp. Hacker, from the same committee, submitted the following:

APPROPRIATION TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER U. S.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of the report of our Representatives to the General Grand Chapter as relates to the finances of that General Grand Body, as also the address of our M. E. Grand High Priest on the same subject, offer the following report:

That the sum of forty dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated from the funds of this Grand Chapter, to be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the General Grand Secretary, for the purpose of aiding in defraying the expenses of printing the proceedings of the recent Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter.

ESOTERIC MATTER.

Comp. Hacker also submitted the following:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Representatives to the General Grand Chapter as relates to the esoteric matter decided by said General Grand Body at its recent Triennial Convocation, submit the following report:

That we are pleased to know that no change in the essential part of the rituals, as adopted by this Grand Chapter, to make them conform to the decision of the General Grand Chapter, is at all necessary, and but a slight transpose of a few non-essential words will make our ritual in conferring the Royal Arch degree in exact accordance with their decision, as has been reported to us.

As this slight change in verbiage is nothing essential in our ritual, we recommend that the change be made accordingly.

The Committee on Jurisprudence would further report that they find all matters referred to in the report of our delegates to the General Grand Chapter that appears at all necessary for this Grand Chapter to take action upon, at this time, has now been properly reported to and acted upon by the Grand Chapter.

WILLIAM HACKER,
H. G. HAZELRIGG,
L. B. STOCKTON.

Which were severally concurred in.

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RESOLUTION FROM COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Comp. Kercheval offered the following:

Resolved, That Comp. Wm. M. Black be allowed the sum of ten dollars, for extra services at this session of the Grand Chapter.

R. T. KERCHEVAL.
F. S. DEVOL.

Which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Comp. Ellis submitted the following:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report that nothing has been presented or referred to them requiring their action. They, however, express their approval of the suggestions of the M. E. Grand High Priest, for the proper distribution of our proceedings to all the Grand Bodies with which we are in correspondence, and that copies also be forwarded to the National Library at Washington. They also recommend the preservation of the proceedings of all sister Grand Chapters, by binding the same in suitable volumes, and keeping them on deposit in the office of the Grand Secretary, and that Subordinate Chapters in like manner preserve the minutes of this Grand Chapter.

E. W. H. ELLIS,
Chairman.

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL.

Comp. Foote submitted the following:

REPORTS OF GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY.

The committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, together with their books and vouchers, report that they have carefully examined the same, and find their reports correct, and the books neatly and appropriately kept, and recommend that the exhibits of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, showing the financial condition of the Grand Chapter on the thirteenth day of October, A. D. 1871, be printed with the proceedings of this Grand Communication.

L. A. FOOTE,
JOHN BUTT,
JOSEPH HOLE,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

PAY-ROLL.

The Committee on Pay-Roll submits the following allowances of mileage and per diem, to members of the Grand Chapter, at the present Grand Conclave:

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL.—CONTINUED.

GRAND OFFICERS.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	No. of Miles.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
Grand High Priest	South Bend	St. Joseph	119	$11 90	2	$6 00	$17 90	R. J. Chesnutwood.
Deputy Grand High Priest								
Grand King	Terre Haute	Vigo	174	17 40	2	6 00	23 40	A. Thomas.
Grand Scribe	La Fayette	Tippecanoe	37	3 70	2	6 00	9 70	L. B. Stockton.
Grand Treasurer	Indianapolis	Marion			2	6 00	6 00	Chas. Fisher.
Grand Secretary	Indianapolis	Marion			2	6 00	6 00	John M. Bramwell.
Grand Chaplain	South Bend	St. Joseph	119	11 90	2	6 00	17 90	J. H. Nevius.
Grand Captain of the Hosts	Florence	Switzerland	236	23 60	2	6 00	29 60	C. T. McKibben.
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Knightstown	Henry	134	13 40	2	6 00	19 40	R. Peden.
Grand Guard	Indianapolis	Marion	101	10 10	2	6 00	16 10	Wm. M. Black.
PERMANENT MEMBERS.								
S. D. Bayless	Fort Wayne	Allen			2	6 00	6 00	S. D. Bayless.
H. G. Hazelrigg	Lebanon	Boone	73	7 30	2	6 00	13 30	H. G. Hazelrigg.
E. W. H. Ellis	Goshen	Elkhart						
Wm. Hacker	Shelbyville	Shelby						
HONORARY MEMBERS.								
Nicholas D. Grover	Logansport	Cass			2	6 00	6 00	Nicholas Grover.
John B. Rose	Wabash	Wabash			2	6 00	6 00	J. B. Rose.
Rev. John Leach	New Carlisle	Henry	188	18 80	2	6 00	24 80	John Leach.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL.—CONTINUED.

No.	CHAPTER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	No. of Miles.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
1	Madison.	Madison	Jefferson	187	$18 70	2	$6 00	$24 70	Jno. D. Schmidlap.
2	Logan	Logansport	Cass			2	6 00	6 00	C. F. Thompson.
3	La Fayette	La Fayette	Tippecanoe	37	3 70	2	6 00	9 70	C. Tinkler.
4	King Solomon's	Richmond	Wayne	107	10 70	2	6 00	16 70	S. Marlatt.
5	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Marion	101	10 10	2	6 00	16 10	Ben. C. Darrow.
6	Keystone	Indianapolis	Marion	101	10 10	2	6 00	16 10	Martin H. Rice.
7	Vincennes	Vincennes	Knox						
8	Greensburg	Greensburg	Decatur	148	14 80	2	6 00	20 80	Ira G. Grover.
9	Cambridge	Cambridge City	Wayne	99	9 90	1	3 00	12 90	W. B. Enyeart.
10	Columbus	Columbus	Bartholomew	145	14 50	2	6 00	20 50	J. B. Grove.
11	Terre Haute	Terre Haute	Vigo	174	17 40	2	6 00	23 40	H. H. Bondinot.
12	Evansville	Evansville	Vanderburgh			2	6 00	6 00	Geo. H. Fish.
13	Aurora	Aurora	Dearborn	195	19 50	2	6 00	25 50	T. J. Bailey.
14	Noblesville	Noblesville	Hamilton	54	5 40	2	6 00	11 40	John Pontious.
15	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	89	8 90	1	3 00	11 90	J. H. Wilson.
16	Brookville	Brookville	Franklin	137	13 70	2	6 00	19 70	Caspar Fogel.
17	New Albany	New Albany	Floyd	234	23 40	2	6 00	29 40	Frank S. Devol.
18	Maxwell	Connersville	Fayette						
19	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	Allen			2	6 00	6 00	Jos. Freeman.
20	Shelby	Shelbyville	Shelby	127	12 70	2	6 00	18 70	William Hacker.
21	Delphi	Delphi	Carroll						
22	Green Castle	Green Castle	Putnam	98	9 80	2	6 00	15 80	G. Conover.
23	Mitchell	Mitchell	Lawrence	174	17 40	2	6 00	23 40	E. S. McIntire.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL.—CONTINUED.

No.	CHAPTER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	No. of Miles.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
24	Rush	Rushville	Rush	137	$13 70	2	$6 00	$19 70	Thomas Poe.
25	Michigan City	Michigan City	La Porte						
26	Wabash	Wabash	Wabash	30	3 00	2	6 00	9 00	N. D. Myers.
27	Huntington	Huntington	Huntington	48	4 80	2	6 00	10 80	J. G. Williams.
28	Washington	Washington	Daviess						
29	South Bend	South Bend	St. Joseph	119	11 90	2	6 00	17 90	O. H. Brusie.
30	Muncie	Muncie	Delaware	76	7 60	1	3 00	10 60	J. V. H. Cassady.
31	Kokomo	Kokomo	Howard						
32	Milan	Moore's Hill	Dearborn						
33	Knightstown	Knightstown	Henry			1	3 00	3 00	James Hall per R. Peden.
34	Hacker	Bedford	Lawrence	164	16 40	2	6 00	22 40	G. O. Iseminger.
35	Randolph	Winchester	Randolph	97	9 70	2	6 00	15 70	J. B. Routh.
36	La Grange	La Grange	La Grange	118	11 80	2	6 00	17 80	G. Sites.
37	Parke	Rockville	Parke	197	19 70	2	6 00	25 70	W. D. Thomas.
38	Salem	Salem	Washington	200	20 00	2	6 00	26 00	A. C. Trueblood.
39	Lebanon	Lebanon	Boone	73	7 30	2	6 00	13 30	S. A. Lee.
40	Crawfordsville	Crawfordsville	Montgomery	65	6 50	2	6 00	12 50	L. A. Foote.
41	Liberty	Liberty	Union						
42	Noble County	Ligonier	Noble	116	11 60	2	6 00	17 60	C. Eldred.
43	Dunkirk	Dunkirk	Jay	70	7 00	1	3 00	10 00	Geo. H. Moore.
44	McCordsville	Germantown	Marion						
45	Goshen	Goshen	Elkhart	130	13 00	2	6 00	19 00	E. W. H. Ellis.
46	Danville	Danville	Hendricks	122	12 20	2	6 00	18 20	Thomas Nichols.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL.—CONTINUED.

No.	CHAPTER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	No. of Miles.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
47	Chester	N. Manchester.	Wabash	49	$4 90	2	$6 00	$10 90	I. B. Hymer.
48	Warsaw	Warsaw	Kosciusko	83	8 30	2	6 00	14 30	W. G. Piper.
49	Plymouth	Plymouth	Marshall	59	5 90	2	6 00	11 90	D. McDonald.
50	New Castle	New Castle	Henry	112	11 20	2	6 00	17 20	James M. Mowrer.
51	Pendleton	Pendleton	Madison						
52	Anderson	Anderson	Madison	60	6 00	2	6 00	12 00	W. Roach.
53	Lincoln	Crown Point	Lake						
54	Columbia City	Columbia City	Whitley	92	9 20	2	6 00	15 20	C. H. Pond.
55	Marion	Marion	Grant	41	4 10	2	6 00	10 10	L. Jenkins.
56	Lawrenceburgh	Lawrenceburgh	Dearborn	191	19 10	2	6 00	25 10	Jno. C. Hibbets.
57	Rockport	Rockport	Spencer	333	33 30	2	6 00	39 30	R. T. Kercheval.
58	Angola	Angola	Steuben	114	11 40	2	6 00	17 40	F. Macartney.
59	Brazil	Brazil	Clay	116	11 60	2	6 00	17 60	Jacob Thomas.
60	Clarksburg	Clarksburg	Decatur	160	16 00	2	6 00	22 00	Hugh Brison.
61	Gosport	Gosport	Owen	122	12 20	2	6 00	18 20	James R. Henry.
62	Peru	Peru	Miami						
63	William Hacker	Waterloo City	De Kalb	100	10 00	2	6 00	16 00	John Butt.
64	Kendallville	Kendallville	Noble	100	10 00	2	6 00	16 00	Carr Green.
65	Franklin	Franklin	Johnson	121	12 10	2	6 00	18 10	B. Peter.
66	Horeb	Jeffersonville	Clark	209	20 90	2	6 00	26 90	Jabez R. Cole.
67	Jay	Portland	Jay						
68	Vernon	Vernon	Jennings	170	17 00	2	6 00	23 00	Joseph Hole.
69	Beharrell	Florence	Switzerland	236	23 60	2	6 00	29 60	Thos. Armstrong, per C. T. M.

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No.	CHAPTER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	No. of Miles.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
70	Bloomington	Bloomington	Monroe	138	$13 80	2	$6 00	$19 80	Jos. G. McPheeters.
71	Oceola	Martinsville	Morgan	131	13 10	2	6 00	19 10	O. Thwing.
72	Cannelton	Cannelton	Perry	...	.....	..	.....	.....	
73	Mount Vernon	Mount Vernon	Posey	...	.....	..	.....	.....	
74	Westfield	Westfield	Hamilton	...	.....	..	.....	.....	
75	Princeton	Princeton	Gibson	246	24 60	1	3 00	27 60	J. M. Ryan.
76	Warrick	Booneville	Warrick	...	.....	..	.....	.....	
77	Spencer	Spencer	Owen	131	13 10	2	6 00	19 10	I. H. Fowler.
78	Plainfield	Plainfield	Hendricks	116	11 60	2	6 00	17 60	I. A. Johnson.
79	Valparaiso	Valparaiso	Porter	...	.....	..	.....	.....	
80	Loogootee	Loogootee	Martin	189	18 90	2	6 00	24 90	C. S. Wood.
U.D.	Jerusalem	Sullivan	Sullivan	200	20 00	2	6 00	26 00	Charles Harnisch.
U.D.	Elkhart	Elkhart	Elkhart	...	.....	..	.....	.....	
U.D.	Clinton	Frankfort	Clinton	68	6 80	2	6 00	12 80	P. W. Gard.
U.D.	Mishawaka	Mishawaka	St. Joseph	125	12 50	2	6 00	18 50	E. R. Huntsinger.
U.D.	Bloomfield	Bloomfield	Greene	181	18 10	2	6 00	24 10	Jason N. Conley.
			Totals		$914 30		$462 00	$1376 30	

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOOTE,
JOHN BUTT,
JOSEPH HOLE,
Committee.

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Which was concurred in, and the Grand Secretary directed to issue a Warrant in favor of the Grand Treasurer for the total amount thereof.

RELIEF FOR CHICAGO, MANISTEE AND PESHTIGO.

Comp. Ellis submitted the following:

The Special Committee respectfully report:

An appeal for relief comes to us from the North. A noble city is in ashes; thriving villages are laid low; thousands are without means of subsistence. Gray-haired men are craving bread; helpless women, orphans and children—homeless, houseless, bereft of friends, and of all that makes life even endurable—must have aid or perish. Many among the sufferers are our brethren; their halls have been demolished, their altars swept away, and their wives and little ones are involved in the general ruin. It becomes us at such a time to remember the lessons of charity, and extend to them the hand of Brotherly Love and Relief; therefore,

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated from the Treasury of this Grand Chapter for such relief, to-wit: Two hundred dollars for the brethren in Chicago; two hundred dollars for Manistee, in Michigan, and two hundred dollars for Peshtigo, in Wisconsin, and that the M. E. Grand High Priest be directed to place the same in the proper channels for distribution, and make report thereof to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter.

E. W. H. ELLIS,
MARTIN H. RICE.

Which was concurred in, and the accompanying resolution adopted.

LETTER OF COMP. KERPER.

The Grand Secretary read and submitted a letter received by him, dated 10th October instant, from Comp. John M. Kerper, of La Fayette, in regard to a note on him, the said Comp. Kerper, dated June 1st, 1870, at ninety days, for the sum of thirty-three dollars, in favor of this Grand Chapter.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

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LATE KING DAVID'S CHAPTER, No. 6.

The Grand Secretary stated that after having made diligent inquiry after the whereabouts of any property that may have belonged to the late King David's Chapter, No. 6, he had become satisfied that no such property, of any value, was to be found.

Whereupon, on motion of Comp. Hazelrigg, the Grand Secretary was released from any duty heretofore imposed upon him in that direction.

On motion of Comp. Hacker, it was

Resolved, That the dues of subordinate Chapters to this Grand Chapter shall hereafter be twenty-five cents for each member not legally remitted by the Chapter; the exaltation fee of two dollars each to remain as heretofore.

DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

Comp. Hacker offered the following:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be, and he is, hereby advised and directed to proceed to arrest the Charters of all such subordinate Chapters as may have failed to make report and pay Grand Chapter dues for the past two years. And that he take charge of the property and effects of all such Chapters, and file the records and account books with the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is, hereby directed to forthwith notify all Chapters delinquent for the past year of the penalty for such delinquency, as provided for in Section 4, Article VII, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, as amended at the Annual Communication in October, 1868. And should such delinquency continue at the expiration of six months from this date, he shall notify the M. E. Grand High Priest, who shall thereupon proceed to arrest the Charters of all such delinquent Chapters, taking charge of their property and effects, as is provided for in the foregoing resolution.

Which were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Comp. Devol submitted the following:

Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the communication from Companion John M. Kerper, report that from all the

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information we have received on the subject, we can see no reason why the note referred to in said communication should not be paid by said Companion to this Grand Chapter. We therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to collect the same. But should the Companion be unable to pay it at present, without inconvenience, we further recommend a reasonable extension of the time.

R. T. KERCHEVAL,
F. S. DEVOL.

Which was concurred in.

CLOSING.

The Grand Chapter, having completed its labors, and no further business appearing, proceeded to close, in ample and solemn form, to meet again in Annual Communication at Grand Masonic Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, A. D. 1872, A. I. 2402, (Oct. 23, 1872).

REES J. CHESNUTWOOD,
Grand High Priest.



John M Bramwell

Grand Secretary.

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INSTALLATION OF DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

SHELBYVILLE, INDIANA, November 3, 1871.

I, Augustus D. Lynch, High Priest of Shelby Chapter, No. 20, of Royal Arch Masons, do hereby certify that Companion Eden H. Davis was by me duly installed as Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana, the date above written.

AUGUSTUS D. LYNCH,

H. P. Shelby Chapter, No. 20.

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TABULAR STATEMENT,

Of the Work of the several Chapters, Subordinate to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana, for the year ending August 31st, 1871.

No. of Chapter.	Name of Chapter.	Mark Masters.	Past Masters.	M. E. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Reinstated.	Affiliated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Total Number of Members.
1	Madison	11	9	11	11			2				34
2	Logan	2	3	6	6		1		1			56
3	La Fayette	6	6	8	8		2	1				63
4	King Solomon's	17	18	19	20		1	1	1			104
5	Indianapolis	13	13	13	12		1	3	11	5		142
6	Keystone	15	12	13	13		10					44
7	Vincennes								1		1	49
8	Greensburg	2	2	2	2				1			52
9	Cambridge	1	1	1	1			1	4			109
10	Columbus	16	12	17	16		1	1	2			95
11	Terre Haute	15	15	18	24		2	3	12			153
12	Evansville	3	3	3	3		1			1		67
13	Aurora							1				46
14	Noblesville	2	2	4	7		1		1			29
15	La Porte	6	8	8	9				2			60
16	Brookville											35
17	New Albany	1	1	1	1		2	2	3	1		49
18	Maxwell											
19	Fort Wayne	14	14	18	14	1		1	5			162
20	Shelby	11	11	11	11	1		1	3			95
21	Delphi											
22	Green Castle	4	4	4	4		2			1		58
23	Mitchell	9	6	6	8		1	1	2	1		36
24	Rush	3	3	3	2				2			33
25	Michigan City	2	3	3	3							33
26	Wabash	7	7	6	6						1	40
27	Huntington	6	6	6	6	1	1	1		1		38
28	Washington											
29	South Bend	17	15	16	16			2	9			97
30	Muncie	24	23	23	23			2	2			108

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No. of Chapter.	Name of Chapter.	Mark Masters.	Past Masters.	M. E. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Reinstated.	Affiliated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Total Number of Members.
31	Kokomo	4	2	2	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	37
32	Milan	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	..	1	52
33	Knightstown	1	3	4	4	1	..	..	1	1	..	87
34	Hacker	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
35	Randolph	1	1	1	2	..	..	2	2	..	..	44
36	La Grange	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	7	1	22
37	Parke	5	3	4	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	34
38	Salem	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
39	Lebanon	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
40	Crawfordsville	2	2	2	3	1	..	..	5	..	..	60
41	Liberty	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
42	Noble County	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	40
43	Dunkirk	7	6	7	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
44	McCordsville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
45	Goshen	6	6	6	3	..	..	..	2	2	..	57
46	Danville	2	2	2	3	..	..	..	12	..	..	37
47	Chester	5	5	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	26
48	Warsaw	3	4	4	3	2	..	..	1	22	..	42
49	Plymouth	7	7	7	5	..	1	2	3	..	..	54
50	New Castle	11	11	11	12	..	1	1	..	1	..	65
51	Pendleton	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	1	..	32
52	Anderson	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	55
53	Lincoln	3	1	2	2	..	1	1	3	..	..	36
54	Columbia City	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	32
55	Marion	8	8	8	8	..	..	3	..	..	..	70
56	Lawrenceburgh	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	35
57	Rockport	13	13	13	13	..	..	..	1	..	..	34
58	Angola	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
59	Brazil	4	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
60	Clarksburg	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	24
61	Gosport	19	17	17	16	..	2	..	4	..	1	73
62	Peru	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
63	William Hacker	3	3	3	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	37
64	Kendallville	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59
65	Franklin	2	3	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	64
66	Horeb	3	3	4	4	..	..	..	4	1	..	40
67	Jay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
68	Vernon	4	3	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	24
69	Beharrell	8	8	8	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	28
70	Bloomington	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	26
71	Oceola	5	5	5	5	..	1	..	3	1	..	36
72	Cannelton	3	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
73	Mount Vernon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
74	Westfield	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
75	Princeton	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	31

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No. of Chapter.	Name of Chapter.	Mark Masters.	Past Masters.	M. E. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Reinstated.	Affiliated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Total Number of Members.
76	Warrick	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	20
77	Spencer	2	2	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	25
78	Plainfield	6	7	6	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	22
79	Valparaiso	6	7	7	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
80	Loogootee	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
U.D.	Jerusalem	6	7	11	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
U.D.	Clinton	18	13	17	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	15
U.D.	Elkhart	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Mishawaka	16	16	16	16	..	1	..	..	..	..	26
U.D.	Bloomfield	16	12	14	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
	Totals 1871	418	397	430	425	9	41	47	126	48	5	3757
	Totals 1870	490	476	486	497	10	44	35	105	37	9	3548
	Increase	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	21	11	..	209
	Decrease	72	79	56	72	1	3	..	..	..	4	..

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DEATHS REPORTED,

FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1870, TO AUGUST 31ST, 1871.

No. of Chapter.	Name of Chapter.	No. of Deaths.	Name and Date.
1	Madison.....	2	Philip Scheik, September 5, 1870.
			James H. Deputy, July 27, 1871.
3	La Fayette.....	1	Rev. L. W. Russ, —— ——
4	King Solomon's	3	H. C. Dunn, June 14, 1871.
			Benoni Newby, April 15, 1871.
			W. P. Ratliff, April 22, 1871.
5	Indianapolis....	3	W. T. Clark, September 21, 1870.
			William Moffitt, September 26, 1870.
			Ephraim Colestock, June 27, 1871.
9	Cambridge.....	1	William Mercer, —— ——
10	Columbus.....	1	J. C. Mathews, April 15, 1870.
11	Terre Haute.....	3	D. C. Stunkard, July 12, 1871.
			William Woolen, —— ——
			S. T. Randolph, —— ——
13	Aurora.....	1	Wm. H. Frazier, February 14, 1871.
17	New Albany....	2	Gustave A. Zeigler, May 4, 1871.
			Aaron D. Leyden, July 29, 1871.
19	Fort Wayne ...	1	Benjamin Saunders, September 14, 1870.
20	Shelby.....	1	William Moore, May 7, 1871.
23	Mitchell.....	1	Thomas J. Dixon, November 6, 1870.
27	Huntington.....	1	J. Sharpe Wisner, September 27, 1870.
29	South Bend	2	Charles W. Guthrie, September 15, 1870.
			Elisha Egbert, November 4, 1870.
30	Muncie.....	2	John Oakerson, July 27, 1871.
			Alfred Kilgore, August 22, 1871.
32	Milan.....	1	J. A. Coulson, "not known."
35	Randolph.....	2	John Johnson, February 7, 1871.
			Jacob Eltzroth, March 28, 1871.
36	La Grange.....	1	Silas Benson, in 1870.
37	Parke.....	1	Charles E. Adamson, October —, 1870.
42	Noble County...	1	O. P. Hervey, —— ——
47	Chester.....	1	W. P. Wright, June 9, 1871.
49	Plymouth.....	2	Theodore Cressner, November 22, 1870.
			Henry S. Benson, March 24, 1871.
50	New Castle.....	1	John Minesinger, September 5, 1870.

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DEATHS.—CONTINUED.

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. of Deaths.	NAME AND DATE.
51	Pendleton.....	2	Vinton Boram, May 30, 1871. F. L. Seward, September 8, 1870. (Jonathan Lewis, March 24, 1871, who was exalted December 17, 1870.)
52	Anderson.....	1	J. G. Stillwell, June —, 1871.
53	Lincoln	1	John E. Frass, May 7, 1871.
55	Marion.....	3	Hiram P. Weeks, January 10, 1871. T. C. Harris, March —, —— S. T. Smith, "not known."
68	Vernon.	1	George R. McIlroy, December 11, 1870.
69	Beharrell.....	2	Daniel McCreary, October 9, 1870. George E. Daubenheyer, August 24, 1871.
76	Warrick.	2	Samuel T. Batchelor, "unknown." J. D. Forrest, November 6, 1870.
	Total.....	47	

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COUNCIL OF HIGH PRIESTS,

OF THE

STATE OF INDIANA.

OCTOBER, 1871.

The Council of High Priests of the State of Indiana assembled in the Hall of Logan Chapter, No. 2, in the city of Logansport, on the 17th day of October, 1871, at 7 o'clock P. M.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. WILLIAM HACKER, President.
E. SOL. D. BAYLESS, Vice-President.
COMP. REV. JOHN LEACH, Chaplain.
COMP. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
COMP. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, as Recorder.
COMP. CHRISTIAN FETTA, Master of Ceremonies.
COMP. ALEXANDER THOMAS, Conductor.
COMP. JOHN H. NEVIUS, as Herald.
COMP. CHARES FISHER, Steward.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.

Companions Benjamin C. Darrow, Erastus W. H. Ellis, George H. Fish, Joseph Freeman, James Hall, Albert Hayward, William Medicus, George Nichols, C. H. Pond, Martin H. Rice, Samuel B. Richardson, Edward S. Ross, Gustave Sites, Lawrence B. Stockton, and Orson O. Thwing.

After prayer by the Chaplain, the Council was opened, in ample form, with solemn and appropriate ceremonies.

Petitions were presented for the Order of High Priesthood, accompanied by the proper evidence of their having been elected to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, by:

Comp. John D. Schmidlap, of Madison Chapter, No. 1.
Comp. C. F. Thompson, of Logansport Chapter, No. 2.
Comp. William B. Enyeart, of Cambridge City Chapter, No. 5.
Comp. Augustus D. Lynch, of Shelbyville Chapter, No. 20.
Comp. John V. H. Cassady, of Muncie Chapter, No. 30.
Comp. Lewis Jenkins, of Marion Chapter, No. 35.

The petitions were referred to a committee, consisting of Companions Martin H. Rice, Alexander Thomas, and George H. Fish.

On motion, the Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of:

M. E. WILLIAM HACKER, President.
E. SOL. D. BAYLESS, Vice-President.
COMP. REV. JOHN LEACH, Chaplain.
COMP. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
COMP. H. G. HAZELRIGG, Recorder.
COMP. MARTIN H. RICE, Master of Ceremonies.
COMP. ALEXANDER THOMAS, Conductor.
COMP. JOHN H. NEVIUS, Herald.
COMP. CHARLES FISHER, Steward.

Comp. Rice, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions for the Order, reported favorably,

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and recommending the admission of the petitioners. A ballot was had, and the petitioners severally declared duly elected to receive the Order.

The Council was then called from labor to recess until 7 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

OCTOBER 18th, 1871, 7 o'clock P. M.

Council was called from recess to labor.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. WILLIAM HACKER, President.
E. CHARLES T. McKIBBEN, as Vice-President.
COMP. REV. JOHN LEACH, Chaplain.
COMP. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
COMP. H. G. HAZELRIGG, Recorder.
COMP. MARTIN H. RICE, Master of Ceremonies.
COMP. ALEXANDER THOMAS, Conductor.
COMP. JOHN H. NEVIUS, Herald.
COMP. CHARLES FISHER, Steward.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Companions Hugh Brison, Rees J. Chesnutwood, George H. Fish, James Hall, Joseph Hole, Benjamin C. Darrow, Silas A. Lee, Thomas Nichols, Reuben Peden, C. H. Pond, Thomas Poe, Samuel B. Richardson, William Roach, John B. Routh, Gustave Sites, Orson O. Thwing, and Lawrence B. Stockton.

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood were presented, accompanied by the proper evidence that they had been duly elected to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, by:

Comp. Consider Tinkler, of La Fayette Chapter, No. 3.
Comp. Samuel Marlatt, of King Solomon's Chapter, No. 4.
Comp. Ira G. Grover, of Greensburg Chapter, No. 8.
Comp. John B. Grove, of Columbus Chapter, No. 10

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Comp. John Pontious, of Noblesville Chapter, No. 14.
Comp. Casper Fogel, of Brookville Chapter, No. 16.
Comp. John G. Williams, of Huntington Chapter, No. 27.
Comp. Orville H. Brusie, of South Bend Chapter, No. 29.
Comp. George O. Iseminger, of Hacker Chapter, No. 34.
Comp. Robert T. Kercheval, of Rockport Chapter, No. 57.
Comp. Francis Macartney, of Angola Chapter, No. 58.
Comp. Jabez R. Cole, of Horeb Chapter, No. 66.
Comp. Inman H. Fowler, of Spencer Chapter, No. 77, and
Comp. Isaac A. Johnson, of Plainfield Chapter, No. 78.

Which were referred to a committee, consisting of Companions George H. Fish, Lawrence B. Stockton and C. H. Pond.

Comp. Fish, from the committee, reported favorable, and recommended the admission of the petitioners, when a ballot was had, and they severally declared duly elected to receive the Order.

The petitioners, except C. F. Thompson, of Logansport Chapter, No. 2, and Augustus D. Lynch, of Shelbyville Chapter, No. 20, (who were not present,) were then introduced and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, with solemn and appropriate ceremonies, according to ancient usage.

The Council, after prayer by the Chaplain, was closed in solemn form.

RECEIPTS OF THE COUNCIL.

For Fees	$17 00
For Diplomas	7 00
	$24 00

Which was paid to the Treasurer, and by him to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter.

WILLIAM HACKER, *President.*

H. G. HAZELRIGG, *Recorder.*

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AMENDMENTS.

AMENDMENTS IN 1867.

BY-LAWS.

The following amendment to the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter was adopted: [See page 16, Proceedings 1867.]

Section 1, Article I, amended by striking out the words: "first Wednesday preceding the fourth Monday of May," and inserting: "third Wednesday of October."

The above amendment fixes the time for the holding of the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter in October, instead of May, as heretofore.

RULES.

The Rules for the government of Subordinate Chapters were amended as follows, viz:

1st.—Rules 68 and 69 repealed. [See Report of Committee on Jurisprudence, page 21, Proceedings 1867.]

2d.—Rule 129, amended by striking out the word: "January," and inserting the word: "September."

3d.—Rule 132, amended by striking out the word: "May," and inserting the word: "October." [See pages 17 and 18, Proceedings 1867.]

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION IN 1868.

On Pages 29 and 30.

1st.—Section 11, Article VIII, by striking out the word: "January," where it occurs, and inserting the word: "September."

2d.—Section 3, Article VII, by striking out the word: "May," where it occurs, and inserting the word: "October."

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GRAND CHAPTER DUES.

On Report of Committee on Jurisprudence, it was

Resolved, That the dues of Subordinate Chapters to this Grand Chapter, shall hereafter be seventy-five cents for each member. [See page 18, Proceedings 1867.]

AMENDMENTS IN 1869.

GRAND CHAPTER DUES.

Resolved, That the Annual Dues shall be fifty cents for each member. [See Proceedings 1869, page 39.]

WHAT REMOVES A PENALTY.

SECTION 204. The payment of all dues for which a member may stand suspended, will restore him to the privileges of the Order as an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason.

SEC. 205. The payment of all dues, for which a member may stand expelled, and a vote of a majority of members present at a Stated Communication, will restore him to his standing in the Order as an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason.

SEC. 104. A vote to reinstate, must also be taken by ballot; and it shall require the same vote to remove a penalty that it does to impose it. *Provided,* That it shall require a unanimous vote of the Chapter, at a Stated Communication, to restore to membership any one who may have been suspended or expelled for any cause whatever. [Proceedings 1869, page 40.]

GRAND SECRETARY'S SALARY.

Resolved, That Article V, Section 2, of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, be so amended, that the salary of the Grand Secretary be five hundred dollars, instead of four hundred. [Unanimously adopted. See page 52, Proceedings 1869.]

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AMENDMENTS IN 1871.

BY-LAWS.

Section 1, Article I, amended so as to read as follows:

"The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, shall be opened at two o'clock, P. M., on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, at the Grand Lodge Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, and shall continue in session at such hours, as shall be convenient, from day to day, until the business shall be fully disposed of." [Proceedings 1871, page 25.]

REDUCING GRAND CHAPTER DUES.

Resolved, That the dues of Subordinate Chapters to this Grand Chapter, shall hereafter be twenty-five cents for each member, not legally remitted by the Chapter; the exaltation fee of two dollars each, to remain as heretofore. [See Proceedings 1871, page 34.]

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GRAND OFFICERS.

1871.

M. E. REES J. CHESNUTWOOD, of South Bend, Gr. High Priest.
R. E. EDEN H. DAVIS, of Shelbyville, Dep. Grand High Priest.
R. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, of Terre Haute, Grand King.
R. E. LAWRENCE B. STOCKTON, of La Fayette, Grand Scribe.
R. E. CHARLES FISHER, of Indianapolis, Grand Treasurer.
R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.
E. Rev. JOHN H. NEVIUS, of Rolling Prairie, Grand Chaplain.
E. C. T. McKIBBEN, of Florence, Grand Captain of the Hosts.
E. REUBEN PEDEN, of Knightstown, Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
E. WILLIAM M. BLACK, of Indianapolis, Grand Guard.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The next Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter will be held at the Grand Masonic Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, commencing at two o'clock P. M. on the first Wednesday, succeeding the third Monday in October, A. D. 1872, A. I. 2402. (October 23d, 1872.)

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STATE OF INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in Annual Communication at the Grand Masonic Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, at two o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the 23d day of October, A. D., 1872, A. I. 2402.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. REES J. CHESNUTWOOD, Grand High Priest.
R. E. EDEN H. DAVIS, Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, Grand King.
R. E. LAWRENCE B. STOCKTON, Grand Scribe.
R. E. CHARLES FISHER, Grand Treasurer.
R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, Grand Secretary.
E. Rev. JOHN LEACH, as Grand Chaplain.
E. GEORGE H. FISH, as Grand Captain of the Hosts.
E. REUBEN PEDEN, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
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PERMANENT MEMBERS.

COMP. WILLIAM HACKER, Past Grand High Priest.
COMP. SOL. D. BAYLESS, Past Grand High Priest.
COMP. ERASTUS W. H. ELLIS Past Grand High Priest.
COMP. H. G. HAZELRIGG, Past Grand High Priest.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

COMP. HARVEY G. HAZELRIGG, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
COMP. SOL. D. BAYLESS, of Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
COMP. WILLIAM HACKER, of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
COMP. MARTIN H. RICE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
COMP. REES J. CHESNUTWOOD, of Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

The Representatives of seventy-five Subordinate Chapters, and a large number of visiting Companions.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in ample and solemn form, when, it appearing that a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters were duly represented, after prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana duly opened for the dispatch of business.

DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

The Grand Secretary stated that a large number of Subordinate Chapters had failed to make return and pay Grand Chapter dues within the time prescribed by the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, but that subsequently most of such delinquent Chapters had made returns and paid dues, whose representatives are now here desiring the privilege of representing their Chapters in this Annual Communication, and, on his motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all such Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction as have made proper annual return and paid the requisite Grand Chapter dues, without regard to the limit in the Regulations, are hereby declared to be entitled to representation in this Annual Communication.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees, which was concurred in:

On Credentials—Comps. John M. Bramwell, S. H. Pearse and Zera C. Thomas.

On Visiting Companions—Comps. William Roach, O. H. Brusie and Richard Owen.

On Charters—Comps. Reuben Peden, Francis Macartney and James H. Shannon.

On Dispensations—Comps. Samuel M. Strader, Roan Clark and Robert VanValzah.

On Grievances—Comps. Wm. G. Piper. John Abdill and A. G. Gardner.

On Claims—Comps. Silas A. Lee, R. T. Kercheval and Richard Owen.

On Pay Roll—Comps. Lucien A. Foote, George H. Fish and John Butt.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—Comps. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, William Hacker and Sol. D. Bayless.

On Foreign Correspondence—Comps. Erastus W. H. Ellis, Andrew H. Hamilton and Alexander Thomas.

On Unfinished Business—Comps. Samuel B. Richardson, George R. Chitwood and Christian Fetta.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Rees J. Chesnutwood, read and submitted the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS:

Companions:—Another Masonic year has closed, and we are again congregated around our sacred altar.

I congratulate you upon the favorable circumstances under which we assemble. Notwithstanding disease and death have been abroad in our land, yet, so far as I am advised, not one of our number has fallen, no discordant sounds are heard among the craftsmen, but peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction. Let us then, with grateful hearts, return thanks to the Grand High Priest of Heaven and earth for these blessings.

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My duties during the past year have been comparatively light. No difficult questions to answer; no strife or contention has been visable, but each companion has profited by the Masonic lessons so beautifully taught, to avoid strife and contention, except that noble contention, or rather emulations, of who can best work and best agree.

Donations to Sufferers by Fire--Chicago, &c.

In accordance with a resolution found on page 33 of the printed proceedings of 1871, I disbursed the amounts donated by this Grand Chapter to the sufferers (of Chicago, Michigan and Wisconsin,) by the terrible fires that desolated those places in October, 1871. On the 1st day of November I forwarded to A. V. H. Carpenter, P. G. H. P. of Wisconsin, a draft for $200, to be applied in accordance with resolution. On the same day I forwarded a draft for the same amount to James H. Miles, Grand Secretary of Illinois, and on the 31st day of October I forwarded G. H. P., Hugh McCurdy, of Michigan, a draft for $200, and I received the following acknowledgments in return:

CORUNNA, November 2, 1871.

R. J. Chesnutwood, G. H. P., Indiana, R. A. M., South Bend, Ind.

MY DEAR COMPANION—Your very kind favor of yesterday, enclosing draft of $200, to be given to the unfortunate Companions, widows and orphans in this State, duly received. So far, I only have returns from Manistee Chapter, No. 65. The Companions there lost both their Temple and altar, furniture, regalia, charter and everything. I have issued a circular letter asking those Chapters which have sustained losses to inform me, and those that *escaped* the fire to donate, and bring the contributions to the Grand Chapter, July 3, 1872, to be disposed of as the Grand Chapter may think proper. We have done a good deal individually, and I deemed it proper to make the call, collectively and privately, not wishing to show signs of outward distinction or discrimination.

I assure you, Companion, the money will be properly applied and acknowled by my Grand Chapter.

Truly and Fraternally yours,

HUGH MCCURDY,

G. H. P. of Michigan.

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And from Wisconsin I received the following:

HEAD-QUARTERS GRAND COMMANDERY, Milwaukee, Nov. 2, 1871.

The Committee appointed by the M. W. Grand Master of Masons, of Wisconsin, to receive and apply contributions for relief of sufferers by the late and present terrible fires which are devastating the country, thankfully acknowledge the receipt of $200 from the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana, and we assure the brethren that our best judgment and exertions will be exercised in distributing the same, according to the intent of the donors, and in accordance with the objects set forth in the circular of M. W. Grand Master Palmer.

A. V. H. CARPENTER,
Chairman of Committee.

And from Illinois I received the following:

CHICAGO, ILL., November 7, 1871.

M. E., R. J. Chesnutwood, G. H. P., Sonth Bend, Ind.,

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION—Allow us, in behalf of many suffering companions made destitute by the late conflagration, which has laid waste our once fair city, to return you their heartfelt thanks for the generous contribution of the Grand Chapter towards the relief fund. Hoping and believing that it will gladden many sorrowing hearts, and with the wish and prayer that the Grand High Priest of Heaven may ever have you and your Grand Chapter under his watchful care, I remain, Fraternally yours,

JNMES H. MILES,
Grand Secretary.

Enclosed Draft $200.

The above amounts were thus disposed of after correspondence with the several G. H. Priest's of the States and by their advice.

Dispensations to Organize New Chapters.

I have issued dispensations for the formation of the following Chapters:

On the 11th day of December, 1871, to a constitutional number of Companions, to form and open a Chapter at Seymour, in the county of Jackson, with Albert P. Charles, High Priest; E F. Blankinship, King, and James W. Kennedy, Scribe.

On the 31st day of January, 1872, I issued a Dispensation to a constitutional number of Companions, of Hartford City, to form and

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open a Chapter at Hartford City, in the county of Blackford, and appointed J. H. Dowell, H. P.; C. H. Hubbard, King, and Robert Ranson, Scribe, of said Chapter.

On the 5th of June, 1872, I granted a Dispensation to a constitutional number of Companions of Leavenworth, in the county of Crawford, to form and open a Chapter in that place, to be known as Leavenworth Chapter, with Emanuel R. Hawn, H. P.; T. T. Reynolds, King, and J. M. Craig, Scribe, of said Chapter.

On the 12th day of Jannary, 1872, I granted a Dispensation to a constitutional number of Companions of Centreville, in Wayne county, to form and open a Chapter of R. A. Masons at that place, to be known as Centreville Chapter, and I appointed Calvin B. Walker, H. P.; Joseph C. Ratcliff, King, and Elisha M. Parker, Scribe.

All these dispensations were placed in the hands of Comp. Wm. Hacker, with instructions to deliver them to the Companions of the several Chapters, on his becoming satisfied with their Masonic proficiency. And from reports received from Companion Hacker, I doubt not but each one of these Chapters will ask for Charters at our present Convocation, and I would recommend that after a careful examination of their work, should it be found good work, that Charters be issued to the Companions.

On the 16th of July, 1872, I granted a Dispensation to a constitutional number of Companions, at Kentland, in Newton county, to form and open a Chapter in that place to be known as Kentland Chapter, and I appointed Wm. Perry, H. P.; Alfred L. Brecourt, King, and Gilbert Goff, Scribe. From the lateness of the date of Dispensation, and the fact that the Companions were disappointed in getting their room finished and ready for use, I learn they have not organized, and I would therefore recommend that their Dispensation be continued until our next Annual Communication.

Delinquent Chapters.

In compliance with a resolution found on page 34, printed proceedings of 1871, the following Chapters were reported to me by our Grand Secretary, as having failed to make report and pay

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Grand Chapter dues for the past two years, to-wit: Delphi Chapter, No. 21, at Delphi, Carroll county; Washington Chapter, No. 28, at Washington, Daviess county; Kokomo, No. 31, at Kokomo, Howard county, and Mount Vernon, No. 73, at Mount Vernon, in Posey county. In the case of Delphi Chapter, I appointed our excellent Scribe, Comp. L. B. Stockton, my proxy to close the matter and report.

He reported to me, January 5, 1872, that he had visited Delphi and called upon the officers and members of the Chapter, and found them extremely anxious to retain their Charter; that they had elected a new corps of officers and had a good prospect of work, and that they were willing to make their reports and pay their back dues, and simply desired time to do it, and respectfully asked that such time be granted them. In view of all the facts, and believing as I did that it was not the intention of this Grand Chapter to oppress a Subordinate, but simply teach them that the laws must be complied with, I granted the time asked for.

In the case of Washington Chapter, No. 28, I appointed Comp. William Hacker Special Deputy to carry out the instructions of the Grand Chapter, and on the 9th of February, 1872, Comp. Hacker wrote me, "That on the 6th I visited Washington and found the Companions extremely anxious to be relieved from the duties of running their Chapter. I proceed to arrest their Charter, and have forwarded it, with the books and records of the Chapter, to the Grand Secretary. It was reported that there was some funds in the hands of the Treasurer, but he not being at home, I appointed Comp. John R. Davis to settle with him, and whatever there might be in his hands to draw the same and forward to the Grand Secretary; also, to take charge of whatever furniture there may be belonging to the Chapter, and file an inventory with the Grand Secretary."

I doubt not the Grand Secretary will make a full report of all matters that have come into his hands in this connection.

In the case of Kokomo Chapter, No. 31, I referred it to the Grand Secretary. The Companions paid up their dues and made

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their reports, and I did not consider myself instructed to proceed farther in the matter.

In the case of Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 73, I appointed Comp. George H. Fish special Deputy to take charge of the matter. Comp. Fish wrote me, under date of January 17, asking for a Dispensation to hold an election of officers, which I issued and forwarded to Comp. Fish. The troubles of this Chapter grew out of difficulty arising among the workmen in building a new Masonic Hall. Comp. Fish has not advised me of the final settlement of this matter, but presume it has all been satisfactorily arranged. I respectfully recommend that suitable compensation be allowed these Companions for their services in attending to this business.

These are all the Chapters that have been reported to me as delinquent, and I presume that all those Chapters included in the second resolution have paid up their dues and made their reports to the Grand Secretary. Of this he will advise you.

Dispensations to Hold Special Elections.

I issued Dispensations during the year to the Companions of the following Chapters to hold special elections of officers, for the reason that it had been overlooked or neglected at the Regular Meeting prescribed by the Constitution, to-wit: To Clarksburg Chapter, No. 60, and Evansville Chapter, No. 12. To fill vacancies occasioned by the removal of the regularly elected officers: To McCordsvilte Chapter, No. 44, and Crawfordsville Chapter, No. 40.

Special Deputies Appointed to Constitute Chapters.

I appointed the following Companions as Special Deputies, for the purpose of Constituting and Installing the officers of the following Chapters, to-wit: M. E. Comp. H. G. Hazelrigg, Clinton Chapter, No. 82; Comp. C. Nutt, Bloomfield Chapter, No. 84, and R. E. Comp. Alex. Thomas, Sullivan Chapter, No. 81. These Companions have each reported to me that they had met these Chapters, and constituted and installed the officers.

Grand Representatives Appointed.

During the year I have made the following appointments, (in

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accordance with the established usages of this Grand Chapter), as Grand Representatives near their Grand Chapters. At the request of Comp. M. H. Rice, I did, on the 15th of April, send a Commission to Comp. J. D. Rush, as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Kansas, and received in return the following reply from Comp. Rush.

FORT SCOTT, KAN., April 23, 1872.

R. J. Chesnutwood, South Bend:

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION—Yours of the 15th inst., enclosing my appointment as your Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Kansas, is just received. Please accept my thanks for the honor conferred in this appointment.

It was in old Indiana that I received my first Masonic Light, in all the various bodies of Masonry from Lodge to Commandery. For this reason the duties attending this appointment will be performed with a peculiar satisfaction. Accept my best wishes for the success of Capitular Masonry in your jurisdiction, and believe me to be, Fraternally yours,

J. D. RUSH.

Finding by the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, for 1871, that Comp. J. D. Rush is a Past Grand King, that title was conferred upon him in the appointment.

On the 29th of June, 1872, I forwarded a Commission to Comp. Thomas Hardman, of Grenada, Mississippi, appointing him as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, and received in return the following:

M. E., R. J. Chesnutwood, G. H. P.:

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION—I am just in receipt of a Commission, under the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana, forwarded from Jackson, Mississippi, by Comp. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary, appointing me their Representative near the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. of Mississippi, which honor I appreciate, and do not feel at liberty to decline; while I could have wished the distinguished honor had been conferred upon one more worthy and competent than myself.

Most Respectfully and Fraternally Yours,

THOS. HARDMAN.

Grenada, Miss.

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Difficulty Between Spencer Chapter, No. 77, and Gosport Chapter, No. 61.

From a communication addressed to our Grand Secretary, by the Secretary of Spencer Chapter, No 77, bearing date October 10, 1872, and by him forwarded to me, I learn that some misunderstanding exists between the Companions of Spencer Chapter and those of Gosport Chapter, in relation to jurisdiction; and as I am wholly ignorant of the facts in the case, and have not had time to acquaint myself with them, I would respectfully recommend that the matter be referred to a Committee, with instructions to report at our present Communication. This, Companions, closes my official acts of the year.

Thanks.

I can not close these remarks without publicly acknowledging my thanks to Companion William Hacker, for the valuable assistance he has rendered in the discharge of my official duties, as also to our R. E. Grand Secretary, for his promptness in communicating to me all needed information.

Conclusion.

And now in conclusion, Companions, permit me to return to you my sincere thanks for the repeated exhibition of your confidence in so often placing me in positions of importance, and as I now retire from official position, to take my place with my Companions upon the floor, I can but pray that the Grand High Priest of Heaven may continue to bless us, and that we may, by His Divine protection, be spared to witness many re-unions of this sort, and that the peace and harmony that has prevailed amongst us in the past, may be continued to the latest period of recorded time.

Companions, farewell, and may the God of our fathers be with and bless us.

REES J. CHESNUTWOOD,

Grand High Priest.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED.

M. E., R. J. Chesnutwood submitted a report on Foreign Correspondence, when,

On motion of Comp. Hacker it was

Resolved, That the report of the M. E. Grand High Priest on Foreign Correspondence, without reading, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

ANNUAL ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of Comp. Hacker it was

Resolved, That the Annual Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest be referred to a select committee for appropriate reference of its several subjects.

And thereupon Companions William Hacker, John Leach and D. H. McMahan were appointed said Committee.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED.

The following Companions submitted their Commissions as Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Indiana, to-wit: Martin H. Rice, of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, and Rees J. Chesnutwood, of Mississippi.

And thereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the distinguished Companions be, and they are hereby cordially acknowledged, accredited, and invited to seats in this Grand Chapter as such Grand Representatives.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary each submitted the following annual reports, which were read, and on motion of Comp. Roan Clark, referred to the Committee on Claims, to-wit:

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Grand Treasurer's Report.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana:

Your Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Chapter for the year ending October 22, 1872:

RECEIPTS.

1871.		
October 13	Balance in Treasury	$3,508 36
" 14	Rec'd of John M. Bramwell, Grand Sec'y	146 50
" 30	" " " " " "	219 00
1872.		
February 24	Rec'd of John M. Bramwell, Grand Sec'y	126 85
September 4	" " " " " "	576 83
" 17	" " " " " "	321 75
" 25	" " " " " "	224 50
October 4	" " " " " "	211 50
" 10	" " " " " "	233 50
" 14	" " " " " "	1,204 50
" 19	" " " " " "	682 17
	Total receipts to October 19th, 1872	$7,455 46

EXPENDITURES.

I claim credit for the payment of Warrants, from No. 1 to No. 27 inclusive, drawn on me by the Grand Secretary.

On account of Pay Roll for 1871	$1,376 30
" " " Grand Chapter Appropriations	847 00
" " " Dues refunded	10 50
" " " Grand Secretary's salary	500 00
" " " Printing	264 06
" " " Postage	26 50
" " " Blank Books and Stationery	22 28
" " " Library	15 00
" " " Grand Treasurer's Commission on $3,947 10	78 94
Total expenditures to October 19, 1872	$3,140 58
Balance in Treasury, October 19, 1872	4,314 88
	$7,455 46

The foregoing report, together with the vouchers, books and papers, is most respectfully submitted.

CHARLES FISHER,
Grand Treasurer.

October 19th, 1872.

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Grand Secretary's Report.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 21, 1872.

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana:

The Grand Secretary submits the following Annual Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Grand Treasury October 13, 1871.....		$3,508 36
From Council of High Priests.....	$24 00	
Grand Chapter Dues, 1869.....	26 00	
Dispensations.....	450 00	
Grand Chapter Dues, 1870.....	71 00	
" " " 1871.....	713 75	
" " " 1872.....	1,454 25	
Late Washington Chapter, No. 28.....	3 60	
Interest on money loaned to Grand Lodge.....	1,204 50	
		$3,947 10
Total receipts.....		$7,455 46

DISBURSEMENTS.

Grand Chapter Appropriations.....	$847 00	
Printing.....	264 06	
Pay Roll for 1871.....	1,376 30	
Postage.....	26 50	
Grand Chapter dues refunded.....	10 50	
Blank Books and Stationery.....	22 28	
Grand Secretary's salary.....	500 00	
Library.....	15 00	
Grand Treasurer's percentage.....	78 94	
		3,140 58
Balance in Grand Treasury.....		$4,314 88
Amount loaned to Grand Lodge.....		5,500 00
Total assetts.....		$9,814 88

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BRAMWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

BUSINESS REFERRED.

On motion of Comp. Hacker, it was

Resolved, That all business proper to be submitted to any one of the Standing Committees, be so referred without reading.

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ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

On motion of Comp. James H. Shannon, the Grand Chapter proceeded to ballot for Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Companions James H. Shannon and George H. Fish acting as tellers, who, after receiving and counting the ballots, announced the following Companions as having received a majority of all the votes cast, who were severally declared duly elected, to wit:

M. E. EDEN H. DAVIS, of Shelbyville, Grand High Priest.

R. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, of Terre Haute, Deputy Grand High Priest.

R. E. GEORGE H. FISH, of Evansville, Grand King.

R. E. RICHARD OWEN, of Bloomington, Grand Scribe.

R. E. CHARLES FISHER, of Indianapolis, Grand Treasurer.

R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL ADDRESS ASSIGNED.

Companion Hacker submitted the following:

The Select Committee to whom was referred the M. E. Grand High Priest's Address respectfully report:

1. That so much of his Annual Address as relates to the issuing of Dispensations to organize new Chapters be referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

2. So much as relates to the action taken in regard to the several delinquent Chapters in accordance with the resolution of this Grand Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Charters.

3. So much as relates to the misunderstanding between the Companions of Spencer Chapter, No. 77, and Gosport Chapter No. 61, be referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM HACKER,
JOHN LEACH,
D. M. MCMAHAN.

Which was concurred in.

And then after prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

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THURSDAY, October 24, 9 o'clock A. M.

After prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Present, the same Grand officers, members and representatives as on yesterday, except that at the opening Comp. Rev. Thomas H Lynch served as Grand Chaplain.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PRESENTED.

Past Grand High Priest William Hacker, accompanied with a brief appropriate address, presented to the Grand Chapter an elegantly bound volume containing the published proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States from the year 1797 to the year 1871, both inclusive.

Which was referred to a select committee, consisting of Companions George H. Fish, Dr. Erastus W. H. Ellis and Harvey G. Hazelrigg, with instructions to draw up and submit suitable resolutions of thanks.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following:

The Committee on Credentials submits the following, showing the names of duly authorized Representatives of Subordinate Chapters in the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter, October, 1872:

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Dues Paid.	Dues Unpaid.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVES.
1	Madison	$21 75	.....	Samuel M. Strader.
2	Logan	38 50	.....	Samuel B. Richardson.
3	LaFayette	69 50	.....	
4	King Solomon's	46 50	.....	Chris. Fetta, Prox.
5	Indianapolis	38 50	.....	John Ebert.
6	Keystone	29 50	.....	Martin H. Rice.
7	Vincennes	14 25	.....	
8	Greensburgh	15 75	.....	James L. Fugit.
9	Cambridge	30 75	75	Nathan Jones.
10	Columbus	42 25	.....	John B. Grove.
11	Terre Haute	60 75	.....	Rob't VanValzah.
12	Evansville	19 25	.....	Geo. H. Fish.
13	Aurora	15 00	.....	William Allen.
14	Noblesville	12 75	.....	N. D. Levinson.
15	LaPorte	26 50	.....	James H. Shannon.
16	Brookville	8 50	.....	Casper Fogel.
17	New Albany	19 75	.....	Frank S. Devol.
18	Maxwell	9 00	.....	George R. Chitwood, Prox.
19	Fort Wayne	65 25	.....	A. H. Hamilton.
20	Shelby	22 00	.....	Isaac H. Wilson.
21	Delphi	.....	.....	John T. Richardson.
22	Green Castle	28 25	.....	John D. Steele.
23	Mitchell	27 00	.....	E. S. McIntire.
24	Rush	8 50	.....	Thomas Poe.
25	Michigan City	7 25	.....	N. G. Sherman.
26	Wabash	7 25	.....	Ed. S. Ross.
27	Huntington	13 50	.....	LaGrange Severance.
29	South Bend	67 25	.....	Orville H. Brusie.
30	Muncie	41 75	.....	Asa H. Hodson.
31	Kokomo	.....	.....	
32	Milan	14 25	.....	S. W. Burlingame, Prox.
33	Knightstown	33 50	.....	J. H. Burt.
34	Hacker	5 00	.....	P. A. Parks.
35	Randolph	14 50	.....	John B. Routh.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS—CONTINUED.

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Dues Paid.	Dues Unpaid.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
36	LaGrange	.....	.....	
37	Parke	$18 75	50	Hiram Alvord.
38	Salem	7 75	.....	Dennis M. McMahan.
39	Lebanon	12 75	.....	Silas A. Lee.
40	Crawfordsville	39 75	.....	L. A. Foote.
41	Liberty	33 00	.....	A. G. Gardiner.
42	Noble County	9 75	.....	John Abdill.
43	Dunkirk	26 25	25	Wm. N. Current.
44	McCordsville	8 25	.....	E. H. McCord, Prox.
45	Goshen	35 75	.....	E. W. H. Ellis.
46	Danville	9 75	.....	Thomas N. Jones, Prox.
47	Chester	5 50	50	C. V. N. Lent.
48	Warsaw	12 75	.....	William G. Piper.
49	Plymouth	17 00	.....	J. D. Thayer, Prox.
50	New Castle	23 00	.....	Cyrus C. Pence, Prox.
51	Pendleton	11 75	.....	Benj. F. Aiman.
52	Anderson	22 00	.....	William Roach.
53	Lincoln	18 50	3 00	H. S. Holton, Prox.
54	Columbia City	18 00	.....	Charles H. Pond.
55	Marion	27 75	.....	John Ruess, Prox.
56	Lawrenceburgh	14 75	.....	Noah S. Givan.
57	Rockport	16 00	.....	R. T. Kercheval.
58	Angola	10 25	.....	Francis Macartney, Prox.
59	Brazil	24 00	.....	Jacob Thomas, Prox.
60	Clarksburg	6 25	.....	Hugh Brison.
61	Gosport	25 00	.....	James Q. Dunning, Prox.
62	Peru	.....	.....	
63	William Hacker	9 00	.....	John Butt.
64	Kendallville	34 75	.....	Zera C. Thomas.
65	Franklin	24 25	.....	B. Peter, Prox.
66	Horeb	14 25	.....	Simeon S. Johnson.
67	Jay	.....	.....	
68	Vernon	3 25	.....	Joseph Hole.
69	Beharrell	16 50	50	
70	Bloomington	6 00	.....	Richard Owen.
71	Oceola	17 00	.....	Benjamin Hayward.
72	Cannelton	6 75	.....	Roan Clark
73	Mount Vernon	26 25	.....	S. H. Pearse.
74	Westfield	.....	.....	
75	Princeton	13 75	.....	John M. Ryan.
76	Warrick	13 00	.....	
77	Spencer	12 25	.....	Inman H. Fowler.
78	Plainfield	11 75	.....	Isaac A. Johnson.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS—CONTINUED.

No. of Charter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Dues Paid.	Dues Unpaid.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVES.
79	Valparaiso	$24 50	.....	Samuel Campbell.
80	Loogootee	12 50	.....	
81	Jerusalem	8 75	.....	John C. Morgan.
82	Clinton	40 00	.....	Mordecai M. Kiger.
83	*Mishawaka	.....	.....	E. R. Huntsinger.
84	Bloomfield	14 50	.....	
U. D.	Seymour	35 25	.....	Albert P. Charles.
U. D	Centreville	18 25	.....	C. B. Walker.
U. D.	Hartford City	16 50	.....	J. T. Wells, Prox.
U. D.	Leavenworth	40 75	.....	Wm C. Christley, Prox.

*Dues remitted by Grand Chapter.

Which was concurred in.

DUES REMITTED.

Comp. Bramwell offered the following:

WHEREAS, By a recent fire which destroyed the Hall of Mishawaka Chapter, No. 83, together with all its property, records and books; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter dues of the said Mishawaka Chapter, No. 83, for the year 1872, be and the same are hereby remitted, and the Grand Secretary is directed to credit the amount of said dues accordingly.

Which was concurred in and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

Comp. Peden, from the Committee on Charters, submitted the following:

Greensburg Chapter, No. 8.

The Committee on Charters have examined the revised By-Laws of Greensburg Chapter, No. 8, and having found them short, concise, and in conformity with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, recommend their approval.

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Huntington Chapter, No. 27.

Your Committee have examined the Revised By-Laws of Huntington Chapter, No. 27, and have made the following corrections to make them conform to the regulations of the Grand Chapter, viz: Sec. 3 of Art. III, strike out "24th of June," and insert "27th of December." Sec. 4, Art. III, same correction. Sec. 3. Art. VII, 2d line, strike out the words, "except for non-payment of dues;" 4th line, strike out "two-thirds," and insert "a majority of the members present." With these corrections, which we have noted on the copy referred to us, we recommend their approval.

R. PEDEN,
FRANCIS MACARTNEY.
Committee.

Which were severally concurred in.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Comp. Strader submitted the following:

Hartford City Chapter, No. 87.

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the Records and By-Laws of Hartford City Chapter, U. D., respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them correct, and the By-Laws in conformity with the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, and therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted the Companions at Hartford City, in Blackford county, by the name of Hartford City Chapter, No. 87, and that Comp. J. H. Dowell be appointed High Priest; Comp. Charles H. Hubbard, King, and Comp. Robert Ransom, Scribe of said Chapter.

Seymour Chapter, No. 85.

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the Records and By-Laws of Seymour Chapter, U. D., respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them correct, and the By-Laws in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted the companions, at Seymour, in Jackson county, by the name of Seymour Chapter, No. 85, and that Comp. Albert P. Charles be appointed High Priest; Comp. F. M. Swope, King, and Comp. T. B. Shields, Scribe, of said Chapter.

Comp. Clark submitted the following:

Centreville Chapter, No. 86.

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the

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Records and By-Laws of Centreville Chapter, U. D., respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find them a model in neatness and correctness, and the By-Laws in conformity with the Regulations of this Grand Chapter, and therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted the Companions at Centreville, in the county of Wayne, by the name of Centreville Chapter, No. 86, and that Comp. Calvin B. Walker be appointed High Prest; Comp. Joseph C. Ratliff, King, and Comp. Morgan McCoy, Scribe, of said Chapter.

Leavenworth Chapter, No. 88.

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the Records and By-Laws of Leavenworth Chapter, U. D., have examined the same and find them correct, and the By-Laws in conformity with the regulations of this Grand Chapter, and therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted the Companions at Leavenworth, in the county of Crawford, by the name of Leavenworth Chapter, No. 88, and that Comp. Emanuel R. Hawn be appointed High Priest; Comp. William C. Christley, King, and Comp. Wm. L. Temple, Scribe, of said Chapter.

Kentland Chapter, U. D.

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred so much of the Grand High Priest's Address as refers to the Dispensation granted to the Companions at Kentland, beg leave to report that they find, from various causes, the Chapter has not been organized. They further learn that the Companions are still desirous of opening a Chapter at Kentland, and therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the Dispensation be continued until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter, if not sooner revoked by proper authority.

S. M. STRADER,
ROAN CLARK,
ROB'T VAN VALZAH.
Committee.

Which were severally concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Comp. Owen submitted the following:

Your Committee on Claims having ascertained the amounts ex-

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pended, and services rendered, by Comps. R. J. Chesnutwood, Wm. Hacker, L. B. Stockton and G. H. Fish, recommend that the following amounts be allowed as reimbursement of said expenses, to-wit:

To Comp.	R. J. Chesnutwood for two years' expenses as Grand High Priest, at $100 per annum	$200
" "	Wm. Hacker, services as Special Deputy to Washington Chapter. No. 28	13
" "	L. B. Stockton, services as Special Deputy to Delphi Chapter, No. 21	5
" "	G. H. Fish, services as Special Deputy to Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 73	5

Your Committee recommend an allowance of $20 to Comp. Wm. M. Black, for extra services as Grand Guard.

Comp. Lee submitted the following:

Your Committee on Claims, to whom were referred the Annual Reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, report that they have carefully examined the same, together with their books and vouchers, and find said reports are correct, and recommend their publication with the proceedings of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Lee,
R. T. Kercheval,
Richard Owen,
Committee.

Which were severally concurred in, and the Grand Secretary directed to issue warrants on the Grand Treasurer for each of the said allowances.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY ROLL.

Comp. Fish submitted the following:

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana:

The Committee on Pay Roll submits the following allowances of mileage and per diem to members of the Grand Chapter at the present Annual Grand Communication, and recommend that a warrant be drawn for the aggregate amount thereof:

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY ROLL.

GRAND OFFICERS.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	No. of Miles.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
Grand High Priest	South Bend	St. Joseph	176	$17 60	2	$6 00	$23 60	R. J. Chesnutwood.
Deputy Grand Hight Priest	Shelbyville	Shelby	26	2 60	2	6 00	8 60	E. H. Davis.
Grand King	Terre Haute	Vigo	75	7 50	2	6 00	13 50	A. Thomas.
Grand Scribe	LaFayette	Tippecanoe	64	6 40	2	6 00	12 40	L. B. Stockton.
Grand Treasurer	Indianapolis	Marion			2	6 00	6 00	Chas. Fisher.
Grand Secretary	Indianapolis	Marion			2	6 00	6 00	John M. Bramwell.
Grand Chaplain	New Carlisle	St. Joseph						
Grand Captain of the Hosts	Evansville	Vanderburgh.			2	6 00	6 00	Geo. H. Fish.
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Knightstown	Henry	35	3 50	2	6 00	9 50	R. Peden.
Grand Guard	Indianapolis	Marion			2	6 00	6 00	Wm. M. Black.
PERMANENT MEMBERS.								
Wm. Hacker	Shelbyville	Shelby	26	2 60	2	6 00	8 60	William Hacker.
Sol. D. Bayless	Ft. Wayne	Allen	120	12 00	2	6 00	18 00	Sol. D. Bayless.
E. W. H. Ellis	Goshen	Elkhart	160	16 00	2	6 00	22 00	E. W. H. Ellis.
Harvy G. Hazelrrigg	Lebanon	Boone	33	3 30	2	6 00	9 30	H. G. Hazelrigg.
HONORARY MEMBER.								
John Leach	New Carlisle	St. Joseph	165	16 50	2	6 00	22 50	John Leach

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No.	CHAPTER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	No. of Miles.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
1	Madison	Madison	Jefferson	86	$8 60	2	$6 00	$14 60	S. M. Strader.
2	Logan	Logansport	Cass	70	7 00	2	6 00	13 00	S. B. Richardson.
3	LaFayette	LaFayette	Tippecanoe	64					
4	King Solomon's	Richmond	Wayne	69	6 90	2	6 00	12 90	Chris. Fetta.
5	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Marion			2	6 00	6 00	John Ebert.
6	Keystone	Indianapolis	Marion			2	6 00	6 00	Martin H. Rice.
7	Vincennes	Vincennes	Knox	117					
8	Geeensburg	Greensburg	Decatur	48	4 80	2	6 00	10 80	James L. Fugit.
9	Cambridge	Cambridge City	Wayne	54	5 40	2	6 00	11 40	Nathan Jones.
10	Columbus	Columbus	Bartholomew	41	4 10	2	6 00	10 10	J. B. Grove.
11	Terre Haute	Terre Haute	Vigo	73	7 30	2	6 00	13 30	Rob't Van Valzah.
12	Evansville	Evansville	Vanderburg	182					Paid as Grand Officer.
13	Aurora	Aurora	Dearborn	107	10 70	2	6 00	16 70	William Allen.
14	Noblesville	Noblesville	Hamilton	22	2 20	2	6 00	8 20	
15	LaPorte	LaPorte	LaPorte	148	14 80	2	6 00	20 80	James H. Shannon.
16	Brookville	Brookville	Franklin	90	9 00	2	6 00	15 00	Casper Fogel.
17	New Albany	New Albany	Floyd	114	11 40	2	6 00	17 40	F. S. Devol.
18	Maxwell	Connersville	Fayette	66	6 60	2	6 00	12 60	G. R. Chitwood.
19	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	Allen	120	12 00	2	6 00	18 00	A. H. Hamilton.
20	Shelby	Shelbyville	Shelby	26	2 60	2	6 00	8 60	I. H. Wilson.
21	Delphi	Delphi	Carroll	82	8 20	2	6 00	14 20	J. T. Richardson.

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No.	CHAPTER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	No. of Miles.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
22	Greencastle	Greencastle	Putnam	40	$4 00	2	$6 00	$10 00	J. D. Steele.
23	Mitchell	Mitchell	Lawrence	110	11 00	2	6 00	17 00	E. S. McIntire.
24	Rush	Rushville	Rush	36	3 60	2	6 00	9 60	Thomas Poe.
25	Michigan City	Michigan City	LaPorte	156	15 60	2	6 00	21 60	M. G. Sherman.
26	Wabash	Wabash	Wabash	88	8 80	2	6 00	14 80	E. S. Ross.
27	Huntington	Huntington	Huntington	108	10 80	2	6 00	16 80	LaGrange Severance.
29	South Bend	South Bend	St. Joseph	176	17 60	2	6 00	23 60	O. H. Brusie.
30	Muncie	Muncie	Delaware	54	5 40	2	6 00	11 40	Asa H. Hodson.
31	Kokomo	Kokomo	Howard	54					
32	Milan	Moore's Hill	Dearborn	100	10 00	2	6 00	16 00	S. W. Burlingame.
33	Knightstown	Knightstown	Henry	35	3 50	2	6 00	9 50	James H. Burt.
34	Hacker	Bedford	Lawrence	110	11 00	2	6 00	17 00	P. A. Parks, Prox.
35	Randolph	Winchester	Randolph	75		1	3 00	3 00	John B. Routh.
36	LaGrange	LaGrange	LaGrange	174					
37	Parke	Rockville	Parke	72	7 20	2	6 00	13 20	Hiram Alvord.
38	Salem	Salem	Washington	140	14 00	2	6 00	20 00	D. M. McMahan.
39	Lebanon	Lebanon	Boone	28	2 80	2	6 00	8 80	S. A. Lee.
40	Crawfordsville	Crawfordsville	Montgomery	44	4 40	2	6 00	10 40	L. A. Foote.
41	Liberty	Liberty	Union	75	7 50	2	6 00	13 50	Aaron G. Gardner.
42	Noble County	Ligonier	Noble	175	17 50	2	6 00	23 50	John Abdill.
43	Dunkirk	Dunkirk	Jay	108	10 80	2	6 00	16 80	Wm. N. Current.

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44	McCordsville	Oaklandon	Marion	44	4 40	2	6 00	10 40	E. H. McCord.
45	Goshen	Goshen	Elkhart	160					Paid as P. Gr. Officer.
46	Danville	Danville	Hendricks	25	2 50	2	6 00	8 50	Thos. N. Jones.
47	Chester	N. Manchester	Wabash	108	10 80	2	6 00	16 80	C. V. N. Lent.
48	Warsaw	Warsaw	Kosciusko	142	14 20	2	6 00	20 20	W. G. Piper.
49	Plymouth	Plymouth	Marshall	118	11 80	2	6 00	17 80	J. D. Thayer.
50	New Castle	New Castle	Henry	50	5 00	2	6 00	11 00	C. P. Pence.
51	Pendleton	Pendleton	Madison	28	2 80	2	6 00	8 80	B. F. Aiman.
52	Anderson	Anderson	Madison	40	4 00	2	6 00	10 00	W. Roach.
53	Lincoln	Crown Point	Lake	153	15 30	2	6 00	21 30	H. S. Holton.
54	Columbia City	Columbia City	Whitley	125	12 50	2	6 00	18 50	C. H. Pond.
55	Marion	Marion	Grant	100	10 00	2	6 00	16 00	John Ruess.
56	Lawrenceburgh	Lawrenceburgh	Dearborn	90	9 00	2	6 00	15 00	N. S. Givan.
57	Rockport	Rockport	Spencer	232	23 20	2	6 00	29 20	R. T. Kercheval.
58	Angola	Angola	Steuben	170	17 00	2	6 00	23 00	F. Macartney.
59	Brazil	Brazil	Clay	55	5 50	1	3 00	8 50	
60	Clarksburg	Clarksburg	Decatur	58	5 80	2	6 00	11 80	Hugh Brison.
61	Gosport	Gosport	Owen	65	6 50	2	6 00	12 50	James Q. Dunning.
62	Peru	Peru	Miami	75					
63	William Hacker	Waterloo	DeKalb	154	15 40	2	6 00	21 40	John Butt.
64	Kendallville	Kendallville	Noble	154	15 40	2	6 00	21 40	Zera C. Thomas.
65	Franklin	Franklin	Johnson	20	2 00	2	6 00	8 00	B. Peter.
66	Horeb	Jeffersonville	Clark	108	10 80	2	6 00	16 80	S. S. Johnson.
67	Jay	Portland	Jay	123					
68	Vernon	Vernon	Jennings	64	6 40	2	6 00	12 40	Jos. Hole.
69	Beharrell	Florence	Switzerland	135					
70	Bloomington	Bloomington	Monroe	80	8 00	2	6 00	14 00	Richard Owen.
71	Oceola	Martinsville	Morgan	26	2 60	2	6 00	8 60	B. Hayward.
72	Cannelton	Cannelton	Perry	238	23 80	2	6 00	29 80	Roan Clark.
73	Mount Vernon	Mount Vernon	Posey	200	20 00	2	6 00	26 00	S. H. Pearse.
74	Westfield	Westfield	Hamilton	27					

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No.	CHAPTER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	No. of Miles.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
75	Princeton	Princeton	Gibson	155	$15 50	2	$6 00	$21 50	J. M. Ryan.
76	Warrick	Boonville	Warrick	197					
77	Spencer	Spencer	Owen	73	7 30	2	6 00	13 30	I. H. Fowler.
78	Plainfield	Plainfield	Hendricks	14	1 40	2	6 00	7 40	Isaac A. Johnson.
79	Valparaiso	Valparaiso	Porter	148	14 80	2	6 00	20 80	S. A. Campbell.
80	Loogootee	Loogootee	Martin	95					
81	Jerusalem	Sullivan	Sullivan	100	10 00	2	6 00	16 00	John C. Morgan.
82	Clinton	Frankfort	Clinton	53	5 30	2	6 00	11 30	M. M. Kigar.
83	Mishawaka	Mishawaka	St. Joseph	180	18 00	2	6 00	24 00	E. R. Huntsinger.
84	Bloomfield	Bloomfield	Greene	80					
U. D.	Seymour	Seymour	Jackson	59	5 90	2	6 00	11 90	A. P. Charles.
U. D.	Centreville	Centreville	Wayne	62	6 20	2	6 00	12 20	Calvin B. Walker.
U. D.	Hartford City	Hartford City	Blackford	74	7 40	2	6 00	13 40	J. T. Wells.
U. D.	Leavenworth	Leavenworth	Crawford	174	17 40	2	6 00	23 40	W. C. Christley.
					$749 00		$522 00	$1271 00	

L. A. FOOTE.
GEO. H. FISH.
JOHN BUTT.
Committee.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Comp. Ellis submitted the following:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have carefully examined the able and elaborate report submitted by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest on that subject, and recommend that it be incorporated in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, as a faithful *resume* of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters in correspondence with us. The report contains much that will be found instructive and of interest to all the Craft.

E. W. H. ELLIS,
ALEX. THOMAS,
A. H. HAMILTON.
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

INSTRUCTION—FOREIGN PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Secretary stated that to prevent misconception, he desired more definite instruction as to the pleasure of the Grand Chapter in regard to collecting and binding proceedings of sister Grand Chapters.

Whereupon Comp. Hazelrigg moved the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, in pursuance of the order of the Grand Chapter, adopted at the Annual Communication in 1871, proceed to bind the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters of such consecutive years as may be at his command, or that can be obtained free of cost.

Which was adopted.

REPORT OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of Comp. Owen, it was

Resolved, That Secretaries of Chapters Subordinate to this Grand Chapter, be and are hereby required, immediately after the election and installation of the officers of their respective Chapters in December, to report a full list of their names to the Grand Secretary, who shall make proper record thereof.

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DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following, which was approved by the Grand Chapter.

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana:

The Grand Secretary submits the following:

As directed by the Grand Chapter on page 34, printed proceedings of 1871, the Chapters delinquent in the matter of making returns and payment of Grand Chapter dues for one and two years, were duly notified of the action of the Grand Chapter.

The delinquent Chapters were:

Delphi, No. 21, for 1869, 1870 and 1871.
Washington, No. 28, for 1870 and 1871.
Kokomo, No. 31, for 1869, 1870 and 1871.
Mount Vernon, No. 73, for 1870 and 1871.
Maxwell, No. 18, for 1871.
Liberty, No. 71, for 1871.
McCordsville, No. 44, for 1871.
Peru, No. 62, for 1871.
Jay, No. 69, for 1871.
Cannelton, No. 72, for 1871.
Westfield, No. 71, for 1871.

The Charter of Washington Chapter, No. 28, was arrested on the 6th day of February, 1872, by P. G. H. P. Wm. Hacker, under the order of the M. E. Grand High Priest, as directed by the Grand Chapter. The Charter, books and records duly deposited in the office of the Grand Sacretary, and a schedule of the property and effects of the Chapter duly filed by Comp. J. R. Davis, valued by him, and consisting of—

One Arch	$100 00
One set of Jewels	41 00
Twenty-four linen Aprons, at 50c	12 00
One Ark	10 00
Three Veils	3 00
One set working tools, (Crow, Pick and Spade,)	3 00
One Seal	6 00
	$176 00

On consulting Comp. Hacker, the Special Deputy, it was deemed advisable to leave the property in the custody of Comp. J. R. Davis, and he was directed to take charge of and hold it subject to the order of the Grand Chapter. Since the arrest of the

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Charter, Comp. Davis, out of money collected by him as dues from members of the Chapter, has paid the amount of Grand Chapter dues of said Chapter for the years 1870 and 1871, amounting to forty-two dollars.

All the other Chapters, delinquent as aforesaid, except Peru, No. 62, have in the last year made proper returns and paid Grand Chapter dues.

JOHN M. BRAMWELL,
Grand Secretary.

THANKS TO P. G. H. P. WILLIAM HACKER.

Comp. Fish submitted the following:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the presentation by Comp. Hacker of an elegantly bound volume of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, would say that this Grand Chapter would fail to do its duty if it closed its labors without some proper recognition of the eminent services of P. G. H. P., William Hacker. We wish it spread upon the records of our proceedings, that the whole Craft may become cognizant of his earnest devotion to, and continual labor for the Craft.

The complete records of the Grand Chapter of the United States have been presented to us, which fills the only vacancy in our records of all the General Grand Masonic Bodies. They have been collected with great care, and at considerable expense, by our Eminent Companion. The Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to P. G. H. P., William Hacker, for the valuable services rendered this Grand Chapter, and the whole Masonic Fraternity, in the preservation of the Records of this Grand Body, and of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the presentation of the same to this Chapter.

Resolved, That said Documents be carefully preserved by the Grand Secretary, in the safe in his office, and under no circumstances be permitted to be loaned or taken from his custody.

GEO. H. FISH,
E. W. H. ELLIS,
H. G. HAZELRIGG.
Committee.

Which was unanimously concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions adopted.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

Comp. Piper submitted the following:

Gosport and Spencer Chapters.

The Committee on Grievances report that the matter referred to them, in reference to the misunderstanding between Gosport Chapter, No. 61, and Spencer Chapter, No. 77, respectfully report that they have been unable to arrive at any conclusion in said case, owing to the fact that there has been no evidence before the Committee, and we therefore recommend that the whole matter be referred to the Grand High Priest, for such action as he may deem advisable in the premises.

W. G. PIPER,
JOHN ABDILL,
AARON G. GARDNER.
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

The M. E. Grand High Priest elect announced the appointment of the following Grand officers:

COMP. REV. THOMAS H. LYNCH, of Indianapolis, Grand Chaplain.
COMP. REUBEN PEDEN, of Knightstown, G. C. of the Hosts.
COMP. ZERA C. THOMAS, of Kendallville, G. R. A. Captain.
COMP. WILLIAM M. BLACK, of Indianapolis, Grand Guard.

Which were concurred in and confirmed.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to install the Grand officers elect and appointed, agreeably to the forms and ceremonies prescribed by this Grand Chapter, M. E. Sol. D. Bayless, Past Grand High Priest, presiding and conducting the ceremonies, assisted by M. E. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, Past Grand High Priest, as Grand Marshal, and Comp. Rev. John Leach, as Grand Chaplain.

THANKS TO RETIRING GRAND OFFICERS.

On motion of P. G. H. P., Sol. D. Bayless, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be, and are,

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hereby tendered to the retiring Grand officers for their fidelity and faithfulness in the discharge of their several official duties.

CLOSING.

The Grand Chapter having completed its labors, and no further business appearing, proceeded to close in ample and solemn form, to meet again in Annual Communication at the Grand Masonic Hall in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, A. D., 1873, A. I., 2403, (October 22d, 1873.)

EDEN H. DAVIS,
Grand High Priest.

John M Bramwell

Grand Secretary.

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TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Work of the several Chapters, Subordinate to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana, for the year ending August 31st, 1872.

No. of Chapter.	Name of Chapter.	Mark Masters.	Past Masters.	M. E. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Reinstated.	Affiliated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Total Number of Members.
1	Madison	7	8	7	7	...	...	...	1	1	...	39
2	Logan	13	13	13	13	...	1	1	1	...	...	68
3	LaFayette	27	27	27	27	...	11	...	...	...	...	96
4	King Solomon's	10	9	10	11	...	...	...	5	...	1	109
5	Indianapolis	4	4	3	3	...	4	3	4	1	...	141
6	Keystone	10	11	9	9	...	3	...	1	...	...	55
7	Vincennes	2	2	2	2	...	1	...	2	8	...	43
8	Greensburgh	3	2	3	5	1	...	2	4	...	...	49
9	Cambridge	6	5	4	4	...	...	2	13	...	...	98
10	Columbus	12	12	12	11	1	...	2	10	2	1	92
11	Terre Haute	16	14	13	13	...	1	...	7	1	3	155
12	Evansville	6	4	3	2	...	1	2	4	...	...	64
13	Aurora	2	2	2	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	46
14	Noblesville	3	3	3	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	30
15	LaPorte	6	6	6	6	...	1	1	1	...	1	64
16	Brookville	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	2	...	...	32
17	New Albany	3	4	4	4	...	1	1	1	...	1	50
18	Maxwell	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	2	2	...	...	...	36
19	Fort Wayne	11	11	10	14	...	...	2	5	7	...	163
20	Shelby	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	94
21	Delphi	1	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	3	...	...	26
22	Green Castle	8	8	8	8	...	1	3	5	...	...	59
23	Mitchell	11	12	14	9	...	1	1	...	...	...	45
24	Rush	5	5	5	.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	34
25	Michigan City	3	.....	.....	.....	...	1	1	...	...	...	33
26	Wabash	3	3	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	42
27	Huntington	4	3	3	2	...	2	1	1	...	...	40
29	South Bend	20	20	22	22	2	2	1	5	...	...	117

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No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Mark Masters.	Past Masters.	M. E. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Reinstated.	Affiliated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Total Number of Members.
30	Muncie	12	13	6	6	...	...	1	5	2	...	107
31	Kokomo	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
32	Milan	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	52
33	Knightstown	6	6	6	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	92
34	Hacker	2	1	.....	.....	...	2	2	...	...	...	20
35	Randolph	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	45
36	La Grange	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
37	Parke	8	6	5	6	...	...	...	...	6	...	30
38	Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	1	2	...	...	31
39	Lebanon	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	6	...	...	46
40	Crawfordsville	13	13	14	13	...	...	3	1	...	...	69
41	Liberty	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	3	...	...	42
42	Noble County	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	40
43	Dunkirk	10	9	9	9	...	...	...	3	...	2	43
44	McCordsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
45	Goshen	11	11	12	11	...	...	...	3	...	...	65
46	Danville	1	1	.....	.....	...	2	...	...	...	...	39
47	Chester	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	26
48	Warsaw	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1	...	2	...	...	44
49	Plymouth	1	1	.....	2	...	...	3	2	...	...	50
50	New Castle	5	5	4	4	...	1	...	2	...	...	62
51	Pendleton	.....	.....	.....	2	2	...	2	2	...	...	33
52	Anderson	5	5	4	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	60
53	Lincoln	3	4	5	6	...	2	1	4	...	...	40
54	Columbia City	4	4	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
55	Marion	10	7	8	8	1	1	...	5	...	...	73
56	Lawrenceburgh	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	37
57	Rockport	4	4	4	4	...	1	...	2	...	1	36
58	Angola	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	...	...	...	...	37
59	Brazil	7	7	7	7	...	1	...	...	3	...	47
60	Clarksburg	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	3	...	1	...	...	26
61	Gosport	4	4	4	4	...	1	1	4	...	...	73
62	Peru	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
63	William Hacker	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	36
64	Kendallville	12	12	11	12	...	...	2	3	...	...	65
65	Franklin	5	5	5	5	...	...	...	4	1	2	62
66	Horeb	3	3	3	3	1	1	...	3	...	...	41
67	Jay	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
68	Vernon	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	3	...	...	21
69	Beharrell	3	3	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
70	Bloomington	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
71	Oceola	4	4	4	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	40
72	Cannelton	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	20

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No. of Chapter.	Name of Chapter.	Mark Masters.	Past Masters.	M. E. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Reinstated.	Affiliated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Total Number of Members.
73	Mount Vernon	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	...	21
74	Westfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....
75	Princeton	4	4	4	3	...	...	...	.....	...	...	34
76	Warrick	4	4	4	4	...	...	...	.....	...	...	24
77	Spencer	3	3	3	3	...	1	1	.....	...	...	28
78	Plainfield	3	3	3	3	...	1	...	.....	...	...	26
79	Valparaiso	5	5	5	6	...	1	...	....	...	...	59
80	Loogootee	2	3	3	3	...	...	...	2	1	...	29
81	Jerusalem	4	4	4	1	...	...	...	.....	...	...	28
82	Clinton	11	9	11	18	...	1	...	.....	...	...	34
83	Mishawaka	8	8	8	8	...	...	...	.....	...	...	25
84	Bloomfield	4	4	5	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	23
U. D.	Seymour	17	15	16	16	...	3	...	.....	...	...	29
U. D.	Centreville	10	10	10	8	...	...	...	.....	...	...	17
U. D.	Hartford City	14	13	13	7	...	1	...	.....	...	...	17
U. D.	Leavenworth	21	17	20	20	...	...	...	.....	...	...	23
	Totals, 1872	448	427	422	420	11	61	46	148	33	13	4116
	Totals, 1871	418	397	430	425	9	41	47	126	18	5	3757
	Increase	30	30	.....	.....	2	20	...	22	15	8	359
	Decrease	.....	.....	8	5	...	...	1	.....	...	...	.....

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DEATHS REPORTED.

From September 1, 1871, *to August* 31, 1872.

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. of Deaths.	NAME AND DATE OF DEATH.
2	Logan	1	John T. Browne, January 15, 1872.
5	Indianapolis	3	William Q. Smith, January 3, 1872.
			John Mather, January 8, 1872.
			George F. Meyer, August 14, 1872.
8	Greensburg	2	M. W. Allen, March 19, 1872.
			H. H. Talbott, July 21, 1872.
9	Cambridge	2	M. B. Flenner, November —, 1871.
			Franklin Newby, August 25, 1872.
10	Columbus	2	John N. Kerr, December 4, 1871.
			Thomas B. Yoder, August 29, 1872.
12	Evansvile	2	Morris S. Johnson, November 19, 1871.
			H. T. Dexter, ——, ——.
13	Aurora	1	William Green, October 15, 1871.
14	Noblesville	2	John Pontious, June 18, 1872.
			A. S. Heatherington, ——, ——.
15	LaPorte	1	Dennis Cooley, December 29, 1871.
17	New Albany	1	P. M. Wilcox, Nov. 1, 1871.
18	Maxwell	2	Daniel Rench, Februrary 11, 1872.
			William S. Trowbridge, June ——, ——.
19	Fort Wayne	2	William Waddington, November 6, 1871.
			Munson Van Gieson, June 30, 1872.
22	Greencastle	3	J. D. Alexander, March 8, 1872.
			W. G. Applegate, February 12, 1872.
			John Hansel, June 20, 1872.
23	Mitchell	1	W. H. H. Moore, November 14, 1871.
25	Michigan City	1	Rhodes Sprague, ——, ——.
26	Wabash	1	Thomas Comstock, ——, ——.
27	Huntington	1	John G. Williams, March 16, 1872.
29	South Bend	1	Alfred L. Souders, August, 13, 1872.
30	Muncie	1	Gordon Cecil, May 1, 1872.
34	Hacker	2	James B. Glover, April 10, 1872.
			Andrew Gelwick, May 15, 1872.

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DEATHS—CONTINUED.

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHARTER.	No. of Deaths.	NAME AND DATE OF DEATH.
38	Salem	1	M. D. L. Prow, March 5, 1872.
40	Crawfordsville..	3	Joseph Allen, February 1, 1872.
			Perry G. White, April 5, 1872.
			Wm. R. Hodshire, March 12, 1872.
49	Plymouth.....	3	John McDonald, September 20, 1871.
			Chester Buck, January 13, 1872.
			Jacob Schilt, June 24, 1872.
51	Pendleton	2	Jonathan Lewis, September —, 1871.
			Lewis Keoniger, July 7, 1872.
53	Lincoln	1	Alvin Sanford, December 24, 1871.
61	Gosport.....	1	C. C. Spellman, April 1, —.
64	Kendallville.....	2	Fred. Haller, October —, 1871.
			D. S. Welch, May 16, 1872.
77	Spencer	1	Christian Yookey, August 5, 1872.
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APPENDIX.

The following review of proceedings of sister Grand Chapters is respectfully submitted:

CANADA.

The Grand Chapter of Canada held her Fourteenth Annual Convocation in the city of Hamilton, August 9, 1871. Thirty-six of forty-one Subordinate Chapters were represented. The business being chiefly local is more particularly interesting to themselves.

In the very pleasant address of the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter, M. E., T. Douglas Harrington says he had granted Dispensations for two new Chapters in Montreal, because of strife in consequence of the late formation of the Grand Lodge of *Quebec*, which they had permitted to be evinced through the ballot-box. This Grand Lodge, he says, is an accomplished fact, and intimates that as certainly a separate Grand Chapter will be formed for each Province of the Dominion, and by way of admonition adds: "It is the wisest course to look this contingency full in the face; and when that time does arrive, carry out the change in a truly Masonic and Fraternal way."

In the Report of the Grand Superintendents, Capitular Masonry appears pleasingly flourishing throughout the Dominion.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which Comp. Henry Robertson is Chairman, embraces the examination of the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, among which those of Indiana are kindly noticed. A lengthy extract from the address of P. G. H. P., M. E.. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, is incorporated. But as among the *Great* there are, and will be, dissentions, so also there may be opinions differing, as seen in the deliverances of these two bright Masonic luminaries.

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In the Committee's notice of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest of Alabama, is a quotation and a remark referring to the granting of Dispensations, so worthy the attention of our Subordinates, as also each Companion R. A. M.; that with pleasure I embrace the opportunity of noticing it here:

"The power to grant Dispensations is a prerogative not to be lightly exercised, merely for the convenience of individuals, but in case of necessity clearly made out, and when it is manifest that the good of the Craft would be promoted thereby. I may be permitted in this connection to urge upon Companions, as has been urged by my predecessors, caution in conferring the Chapter degrees. Those only whose qualifications will bear the test of the strictest scrutiny should be permitted to pass the vails of our sanctuary. Not in numbers, but in the high intellectual and moral worth of its membership does the strength of our order consist. It is to be feared that we sometimes forget this truth and fail to use the black ball when our true interests as a fraternity require such use. Then let us, with jealous care, guard our portals; demanding that all who would pass should first trace clearly their genealogy, and establish their merits."

To this we should give sacred attention, and so preserve the Hallowed Arch of our living Temple from being upheaved, and burst assunder by the explosions of more than useless material admitted by our own indifference.

They report 47 Subordinate Chapters, with a membership of nearly 2,000 Companions. R. E., T. Douglass Harrington was re-elected Grand Z.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand R. A. Chapter of Connecticut held two Convocations since their reported proceedings of their Annual Convocation of 1871.

A Semi-annual Convocation was held at New Britian, November 1st, 1871. Twenty-five of the thirty-four Subordinates were represented. This Grand Chapter has adopted the custom with some other Grand Chapters of exhibiting the work before the representatives of the Subordinate Chapters. This has no doubt an influence in harmonizing the Chapter work throughout the jurisdiction.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation was held in Hartford, May 7, 1872. Thirty of the thirty-four Subordinates were represented. The M. E. Grand High Priest, C. W. Stearns, in his agreeable style, pleasantly reviews in few words the past, and looks forward to the future with commendable zeal, not forgetting that each piece of mechanism will be tried by the *over-seers* square.

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He speaks disapprovingly of the action of the General Grand Chapter in relation to the Past Master's Degree, and the admission of Past Grand High Priests to membership in that body, but her action on the subject of substitutes, I presume, is agreeable to the views of this Grand Chapter.

Among the various items of business I notice the following: That a committee was appointed "to devise some plan for meeting more fully the deficiency which exist in our system of visitation and inspection, M. E., Wm. W. Lee was elected G. H. P.

Companion Luke A. Lockwood presents a very able report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing and reporting the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, among which number those of Indiana have a place. Not having received the proceedings of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Alabama, and finding a notice of it here, I take pleasure in inserting the following:

Her forty-fifth Annual Convocation was held December 5, 1871. M. E., H. C. Armstrong, Grand High Priest, and E. Companion Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary. M. E. Comp. Armstrong, in his Address, says:

"If it be indeed true that we have fallen upon evil times; that men generally are less mindful of their obligations than formerly; that confidence is being destroyed, and the bonds of society relaxed, be ours the mission to so cleave to the tenets of our order, and so illustrate them in our daily walk and conversation, as to severally furnish in the sphere of our influence an effectual antidote to this degeneracy. Thus may we exemplify the teachings of Masonry, and thus contribute in our day and generation to the strength, and beauty, and usefulness of the institution."

From the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Indiana are selected approvingly portions of the report of M. E., Hacker, but he withholds his commendations of the extra remark concerning the appropriation of the fund asked of the State Grand Chapters. They report thirty-four organized Chapters, and one under dispensation; 236 exaltations, 5 admitted, 19 withdrawn, 44 died, 8 struck from the roll, and 1 expelled. A total membership of 4,019.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

This Grand Chapter held its Convocations during the year 1871 in Washington City. A Special Convocation was held on the 30th day of January, with five Subordinates present. The principal business was to revise or complete the revision of the work in the several degrees.

A Semi-Annual Convocation was held May 9th, at which six

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Subordinate Chapters were represented. The business was chiefly local in its nature.

On November 14th and 29th was held the Annual Convocation, in which seven of the eight Subordinates were represented. The The M. E. G. H. P. Companion J. Lockie, in his Annual Address, bears very gratifying testimony to the uninterrupted harmony and prosperity of Capitular Masonry in his jurisdiction.

In his notice of the G. G. R. A. Chapter, he says:

"That among the business of general interest" was a resolution to bring about a greater uniformity in a portion of the Esoteric Work of the R. A. Degree." When, after a very learned and exhaustive argument, presenting the combined erudition of the twenty-eight Grand Chapters assembled in that 21st Convocation of that august body, the conclusion of the whole matter was precisely the same as practised in this jurisdiction."

Then I observe that the Grand Visitor and Lecturer, Companion C. W. Hancock, notices the same point in his report, and very modestly expresses the presumption that the "* * * * as recommended by the General Grand R. A. Chapter will be accepted by this Grand Chapter." How is this? But it is presumable that doctors may differ.

In Companion J. E. Mason's report, as Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, are many things well said, and to which it would be well for Companions to give their attention. Yet in so saying I do not design to be understood as endorsing all that has come from his humorous pen.

In his notice of the proceedings of our own Grand Chapter he expresses the fact that they make their G. H. Priest earn his honors. In this we must admit his correctness. And perhaps none know better than he the onorous work of perusing, examining and selecting from several thousand pages, to bring in a report to interest and benefit our Companions in labor.

Companion Jas. Daniels was elected and installed Grand High Priest. During the year they report 150 exaltations, 12 affiliated, 14 reinstated, 25 withdrawn, 8 died, 71 dropped; total membership, 910.

DELAWARE.

And now comes little Delaware, but none the less good. Her Fourth Annual Convocation was held in Dover, January 17, 1872. The Representatives of her four Subordinates were present. The business done is of local interest.

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The M. E., A. V. Lesley, Grand High Priest, delivered an address, in which he not only refers to individual influence, but to a combined power for greater good, in which he refers to the General Grand Chapter. From this address I wish to give, in his own words, what will be more interesting than to give a succinct paraphrase of it. He says:

"It would afford me gratification to review the history of the past few years; to look back at the condition of the Grand Chapter in former times, writing the bright names of many now gone from labor to the presence of the *Great Glory* which emanates from the point within the circle; to trace the decadence of the Royal Arch, noting the effects of time on its several stones; the moss and mould, the break and settling; the almost ruin which slowly and surely came; the time when apathy and sloth put it in the power of one man to say, 'with me dies Royal Arch Masonry in Delaware.' Then, with pleasure, could I speak of the rousing of the old fire in the breasts of the Companions who loved the Arch; who could not brook the destruction of the time-honored structure; who could not see Holiness to the Lord cast into the mire and trampled under foot. I could tell of the struggles of the undaunted ones against the *bulls* and the edicts, the machinations and secret workings which sought to terrify and deter them from their purpose of reviving the corroded stones and freshly graven the Holy Symbol on the Arches. Of their victory, solid and permanent, it is perhaps unnecessary to write, for it is fresh in your minds; but may we not be pardoned for some little exultation over the formal recognition of that victory which has ended all contest, and shows us fresh, free united and strong."

Happy Delaware! R. E., W. F. Goodwin presents us with a very pleasant report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews 25 Grand Chapter proceedings, and those of the General Grand Chapter. Among these he respectfully notices our own Grand Chapter.

From his selections of the proceedings of California, (which we have not received), we take the following: Their Seventeenth Annual Convocation was held on the 11th of April, 1871. Twenty-nine Chartered Chapters and three under dispensation were represented. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction. The appointment of Representatives near other Grand Bodies they adopt as attendant of much benefit to the Craft. M. E., James L. English was elected G. H. Priest, and R. E., C. L. Wiggin, Grand Secretary. Their exaltations average over sixty to each Subordinate Chapter. I think this must be a misprint.

M. E., J. R. McFee was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E., J. P. Allmond, Grand Secretary.

A Special Convocation was held on the 4th of March, 1872, to install the officers elect.

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They report a membership of 211, an average of over 50 members to the Chapter.

FLORIDA.

In the review of these proceedings I find but little to notice, aside from their local matters, except the address of their M. E. Grand High Priest, D. C. Dawkins, from which I make a short selection. This Grand Chapter held her Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation on the 10th of January, A. D. 1871, in the city of Tallahassee. Eight of thirteen Subordinate Chapters were represented. The M. E. Grand High Priest introduces his address in a very agreeable and interesting manner. He says:

"Again we meet as friends, Brethren and Companions, as we, and such as we, have regularly done for ages; and as we and ours will do in all future time, so long as wisdom and science are to be taught, and morality and charity to be promoted and appreciated among the sons of men.

The complete system of our organization, and its previous successful history, guarantee its future existence, so long as its votaries adhere to its pure principles and purposes, and so long as the exercise of charity and virtuous union may be useful in restraining vice in the world. Being thus devoted, and enjoying conclusive and satisfactory evidence that the Royal cause in which we are engaged, is guided by the Divine artist, who is the embodiment of that Truth which is the signet of our profession, it is meet and proper that we should here most devoutly and earnestly implore his forgiveness for past offences, and his continued presence, protection and blessing in our present and all future laudable engagements."

Of the condition of R. A. Masonry, he says:

"When you come to review the operations of R. A. Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, for the past Masonic year, you will not find that much rapid progress has been made, nor could it be reasonably expected, yet the evidences of moderate success, and the elements of steadiness for future prosperity are with us."

Two Dispensations were granted during the year, and in one of these cases I observe a Charter was granted; the other was continued.

Comp. T. A. Carruth gives us a very pleasant report, though short on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters; why those of Indiana are not among them we are left to conjecture.

Statistics: 13 Subordinate Chapters and 368 members.

Comp. D. C. Dawkins re-elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and R. E., W. M. McIntosh, Grand Secretary.

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GEORGIA.

The proceedings of Georgia came to hand at a late date, yet I will make a few selections, and assure my Companions of that jurisdiction that they are none the less welcome and interesting because of their late arrival.

Their Annual Convocation was held in Augusta, April 24, A. D., 1872, M. E., Moses P. Kellogg, G. H. P., presiding. Forty Chartered Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, soon enters upon his report of his official doings. Two chapters have been constituted, and Dispensations for two more granted. In his reviews by correspondents he soon touches upon Comp. Corson, of New Jersey, who seems to think that Comp. Kellogg's Masonic solace to the afflicted is not exactly the signet, and with ready effort and steady aim argues the case *per see*. But soon, as has often been the case with others, it is observed, however divergent at starting they may have been, they unite in this very beautiful thought: "We agree," says C., "with him, when he speaks of Masonry as the institution whereby the soul of man is taught to refine and purify itself for that spiritual house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

"That is just as I meant it," says Companion K., "and I can but think the Doctor must have been perpetrating one of his inimitable jokes when he expressed such deep 'sorrow' over my unmasonic sentiments."

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

No report on Foreign Correspondence. The business transacted is chiefly of a local nature. Comp. G. W. Adams, of Forsyth, was elected G. H. P., and Comp. J. Emmett Blackshear, of Macon, Grand Secretary. Total membership reported, 2,003.

ILLINOIS.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Illinois comes to us on beautiful tinted paper and neatly printed. The Twenty-second Annual Convocation of this M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held in Chicago, October 6th, A. D., 1871. M. E. Comp. A. A. Murry, Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. J. H. Miles, Grand Secretary. One hundred and twety-five Subordinates of the one hundred and forty-five, were represented.

The Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest is an able document,

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and full of light. He does not fail to acknowledge dependence on the *Great I Am*, but with heart tender and full of gratitude, offers to Him tribute of thanksgiving for the numerous favors so freely bestowed the past year. It gives us pleasure to notice that the year closing has been one of harmony and prosperity to the Royal Craft. Consequent upon this he adds:

"While we recognize the guiding hand of Almithy God, who has preserved and secured to us life, health, and all other needed blessings, what can I say that will be more fitting than to enjoin upon you even a larger confidence in Him, and a renewed zeal in obedience to His laws."

Of our position, hear him:

"We stand before the world in an important aspect—intelligent, well meaning men recognize in us and our *noble* Fraternity no second rate moral power, and while *croakers* and *fogies* are content to live within the limits of their own sordid and selfish aims and deeds, and to condemn whatever might help mankind to rise to better and nobler views of human life and destiny, the benedictions of the truly wise and good rest on our noble and glorious works. And why should they not?"

This is a significant interrogatory, well answered by Companion Murray himself:

"Our banner floats on every breeze, bearing on its ample folds an influence sufficient to convince the wondering world that our motive is progress, growth, improvement, and that the welfare of our undivided and indivisible humanity is our noble inspiration, feeling assured that no good can be wholly lost. Let the history of the past, together with the duties of the present and bright hopes for the future, lead us manfully to the front of every noble and philanthropic enterprise."

These are encouragements to success:

"During my service in the position with which you honored me one year ago, it has been one of my earnest purposes to enforce by precept and example a due observance of our requirements—of temperance in all things, and especially to discountenance every appearance of that great evil which is desolating so many homes, ruining so many of earth's brightest intellectual *jewels*, and threatening even our National prosperity. And it gives me much satisfaction to be able to say to you, that, throughout the length and breadth of this Grand Jurisdiction, there is a commendable improvement in this, and, consequently, every moral direction. And I rejoice to congratulate you upon the continued progress of our order everywhere."

Honor to our sister jurisdiction.

The M. E. fully endorses the creating an Inspector of the Work, and that his compensation for his services be paid from the Treasury of the Grand Chapters, but his traveling or other necessary expenses

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be paid by the Chapters enjoying the benefit of his labors. We learn from what he says of the General Grand Chapter, that he is a fast friend to that body. Charters for six new Chapters were granted.

M. E. Companion G. H. Miles presents an excellent report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in which are reviewed the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, among which our own is included, and receives a passing compliment, some exceptions, and is then left in repose.

M. E., James A. Hawley, of Dixon, was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E., James H. Miles, of Chicago, Grand Secretary.

They report 151 Chapters, with a membership of 9,000.

IOWA.

The proceedings of this Grand Body are before me, with its more than one hundred pages of compact matter. What a mass is here to labor through.

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation was held at Council Bluffs on the 18th of August, 1871. There were forty-four of the sixty-five Subordinate Chapters represented. Because of the illness of Grand High Priest, Companion Z. C. Luse, he was unable to attend, and Companion D. Baugh, R. E. Deputy Grand High Prest, presided over its deliberations. The Grand High Priest's address was presented, and evinces a heart of sympathy for the suffering, and a well prepared intellect for business. From his address we select the following:

"To few of us has the past year been one of unalloyed pleasure; to many its pathway has indeed been checkered with good and ill; to some the dark spots have seemed at times to cover almost the whole, while occasionally the sunlight breaking through the clouds, has brightened them until even the saddest have seemed almost to smile. To me they have come as to others, some bright, some dark; and now, from the stillness of my room, where for about four months I have been confined, I send you these few words of greeting.

"That I have escaped with my life is to me a source of profound satisfaction and thankfulness to Heaven, though my regret is deep that I can not be with you."

He pays a feeling tribute of respect to the late Charles S. Rollins, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, who deceased in his 36th year.

He notices a pleasing prosperity among the Chapters of the jurisdiction, and says: "The Ritual in Iowa is well worked; let us hope that the virtues it teaches will be cultivated with like assiduity." So mote it be.

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It appears that this Grand Chapter has, by resolution, forbidden the subordinates to use substitutes in conferring the R. A. Degree. In reference to this he says: "Judging from the numerous applications which I have received during the past year, for Dispensations to disregard this law, it has been a source of great trouble and annoyance to the Chapters." He then recommends the repeal of the resolution. To this the Grand Chapter demurs by a vote of 97 to 58, and argues that the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States is not in the nature of a law or edict, and therefore not binding upon them.

And now comes the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with their report by their Chairman, Comp. W. D. Taylor, who certainly deserves honor by his Companions for the ability he has shown in the performance of this laborious work. This report is not only volumnious, but there is the rare possession of a large amount of matter to interest the Masonic student. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Bodies, paying his tribute to each in a very Companionly manner. We do not find Indiana among them.

Comp. E. A. Guilbert, of Debuque, was elected Grand High Priest, and Wm. J. Law, of Bloomfield, Grand Secretary.

They report 65 Chapters, 383 exaltations, 44 admitted, 1 re-instated, 108 dimitted, 18 died, 31 dropped, 25 suspended and 3 expelled; total number of members, 2,772.

KANSAS.

The M. E. R. A. Chapter of Kansas held its Seventh Annual Convocation in Topeka, October 17, 1871. There were fourteen Subordinate Chapters represented. R. E., E. D. Hillyer, D. G. H. P., presiding.

The M. E., O. A. Bassett, G. H. P., not being able to attend, sent forward his Annual Address, in which he reviews his labor for the year, showing that he had visited, examined and installed nearly all the Chapters in his jurisdiction. The few remarks in which he has indulged, referring to Masonic opposers, are so well selected that it would be well for "Anties" to look at them, and in the mirror thus held before them to trace much of their own lineage. He has organized one new Chapter, and granted Dispensations for three others, all of which received Charters at this Grand Convocation. He has dealt very freely in the representative system, having made twelve appointments of Representatives near other Grand Bodies.

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Among the questions he was called upon to decide, is this:

"To what extent can a man go in infidelity, and still be a good R. A. Mason? That is, to what extent may he disbelieve the Bible."

This he has well answered, and was sustained by the Grand Chapter in these words:

"On the subject of faith in the Bible, the M. E. Grand High Priest has well and truthfully expressed the correct rule, and we would most emphatically and fully concur in the noble sentiments he has so expressed."

The expressed opinion of the Grand High Priest is as follows:

"The Bible is the Great Light in Masonry. Every man is responsible to a greater or less extent, according as his means of knowledge have been greater or less. No one who has had the Bible placed in his hands, and been taught to read it, can be a good man and disbelieve its teachings, and no one can be a good R. A. Mason who is not a good man. Therefore, I answer that no one who does not believe in the writings of Moses and the prophets, as contained in the Old Testament, if he has been educated in a civil or enlightened country, can be a good R. A. Mason, for Royal Arch Masonry is founded thereon."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, having reviewed thirty-five Grand Chapter proceedings, reports freely and with fraternal candor upon them severally. In noticing those of Indiana he does it in his usually kind and courteous manner, notwithstanding he can not endorse all that is said and done within our own jurisdiction.

R. E., E D. Hillyer was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E., E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary.

Statistical: They have 20 Chapters in their jurisdiction, 66 exaltations, 65 received, 34 admitted, 13 reinstated, 21 dimitted, 9 died; total membership, 650.

KENTUCKY.

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky was held in Louisville on the 16th of October, 1871, M. E. Henry Bostwick, Grand High Priest, presiding.

There were 86 Subordinate Chapters represented. In the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, he says: "Nothing has come to my knowledge to disturb the peace and harmony of the Chapters within our jurisdiction." On the subject of work, he notices the fact so generally known, that there is a want of uniformity, but that the work done by the Chapters "is good work," "good square

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work," done "in a workmanlike manner," "striving to confer the degrees in the very best manner."

Such is the description of the emulation and success of the Companions of Kentucky. No doubt the craft will prosper in any place where efforts so commendable are entertained. The business of the Grand Chapter principally local.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence covers twenty-eight pages, embracing a review of thirty-one Grand Chapters, including Indiana.

M. E., J. P. Rascoe, of Princeton, was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E., Wm. C. Munger, of Franklin, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 118 Chapters, 357 exaltations, 31 admitted, 16 reinstated, 152 dimited, 57 suspended, 27 rejected; 3,469 total membership.

LOUISIANA.

The M. E. G. C. of R. A. Masons, of the State of Louisiana, held its Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation in New Orleans, February 13, 1872; Michael Eloi Girard, M. E. G. H. P. Twenty-three of the thirty-eight Subordinates were represented. The M. E. gives an able and pleasing address, and says:

"I am happy to be able to report to you that we have cause to rejoice at the continued prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry throughout our jurisdiction. No discordant sounds are heard, no grievances reported, and your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have nothing to act upon. The utmost good will prevades every part of our Tabernacle, and we would be remiss in our duty should we fail to return thanks to the Great Giver of all good gifts and graces, for the peace and harmony which gladden our hearts."

Nor does he forget the tribute due to those who have passed this bourne of life, or to ask a portion devoted to their memory. The General Grand Chapter shares in his esteem, and he rejoices in its being so firmly established.

Comp. Jas. P. Horner, of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents a very able document, as the result of his review of the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, ours among the number. But unluckily, from some cause, we, with our Florida Companions, have fallen under the reproof of this apostle of the pen. It would be very impertinent, I presume, for me to attempt any apology for Florida, since Comp. Horton is so gracious as to give us that inestimable great commandment, "Mind thy own business." But passing this unfraternal remark in reference to

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Florida, which I presume would not have been penned, had not Comp. Horton, or perhaps some of his associates in council, forgotten that temperance is one of the cardinal virtues of Masonry. His apology for the rumseller, summed up in his own language, "Mind thy own business," does not speak too favorably for one whose sacred vows are "to be good men and true."

But the action of our Grand Chapter in approving the doings of a Subordinate which had expelled a Companion for selling intoxicating drink, is a new Masonic offense to our good brother of Louisiana. This moral influence seems so antagonistic to his better feelings that he would rather be expelled than not "from such an atmosphere."

Now in my humble judgment, if drunkenness be a crime worthy of censure, certainly the drunkard maker is no less so. I have no apology for this class of our community. In noticing the want of action of the Grand High Priest in relation to Foreign Correspondence, our brother is so unfraternal, if not ungentlemanly, that I take no further notice of it, except to apologize to my companions of Indiana in withholding from them the grand illumination they may have enjoyed from the pen of our good brother and Companion, J. P. Horner.

This Jurisdiction reports 29 Chapters and 1,576 members. Comp. M. E. Girard was re-elected G. H. P., and J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The M. E. Grand R. A. Chapter of Maine, assembled in Annual Convocation in Portland, May 7, A. D., 1872. Thirty-four subordinates were represented. M. E. Stephen J. Young, G. H. P.

The M. E. G. H. P. delivered a pleasant address from which we learn the Craft in general is in a prosperous and harmonious condition. He pays a very generous tribute to the dead. The major part of his address relates to their local interests. Reports from the M. E. D. G. H. P., Grand King and Grand Scribe are truly encouraging to the Masonic cause.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, by the M. E., Josiah H. Drummond, is full of interest. He reviews the proceedings of 19 Grand Chapters, and notices very fully the actions of the G. G. Chapter of the United States. In his notice of Alabama he refutes the argument of Comp. P. J. Penan, that the G. G. Chapter derives its powers from the State Grand Chapters, and shows that it antedates every one of them. In his review of the Report on

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Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. J. E. Mason, of the District of Columbia, he certainly uses not only plainness of speech, but does it very characteristic of brotherly love.

In his notice of Indiana he refers to the Grand High Priest's caution against an indiscreet increase of members. Comp. Drummond quotes largely from the Grand Chapter proceedings, reports, &c. It is a pleasure to read him, and it pays well to closely study the productions of his pen. I will here insert what he denominates a *puzzle*. It may be of as great benefit to us as to the Companions of Connecticut. He says: "We recently purchased, in an antiquarian book store in New York, a pamphlet, the title-page of which reads as follows:"

"An oration delivered in Christ's Church, Middletown, Tuesday, September 30, A. D., 1783, before a General Convention of several Lodges of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of Connecticut, by Oliver Lewis, A. M. Published at the request of the Brethren. Hartford; Printed by Hudson & Goodwin."

The second page is blank, and the third page is as follows;

"In Grand Royal Arch Chapter,
"Middletown, September 30th, 1783,
"Voted unanimously.

"That the Thanks of the Brethren be given our beloved Brother, the Right Worshipful Oliver Lewis, Esquire, H. P. of this Grand Chapter, for his oration delivered this day at Christ's Church, before the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and that the Right Worshipful John L. D. Koven, the Worshipful William Redfield, and the Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esquires, be a Committee to request a copy for the press. Extract from the minutes.

EDWARD MILLER, Scribe."

"The document seems to be genuine, and we know of no reason to doubt that it was printed in 1783. On the title page is written, 'Abiel Holmes, Esq., from O. Lewis.' The writing is so peculiar that if genuine it can be identified, if the genuineness of the document is disputed. The present Grand Chapter of Connecticut was formed in 1798, fifteen years after this Oration was delivered. We have never seen any allusion, as far as we remember to the prior existence of a Grand Chapter. We have not had time since we have had the documents to investigate the matter, and we leave the puzzle to our Connecticut Companions for solution. It is an interesting matter to them, for if they had a Grand Chapter in 1783 they may claim precedence, on the score of age, over all the Grand Chapters in the country. Our Canada Companions will find in this document further evidence that the title of High Priest and Scribe were not invented by Thomas Smith Webb, but were in use long before his day."

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They report 35 subordinates and 3,319 members. Companion John W. Ballou, of Bath, M. E. G. H. P., and R. E., Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Maryland held two Convocations in 1871, in Baltimore. A Special, May 9, to arrange for the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The Representatives of five Subordinates were present. The Annual Convocation was held November 13, seven Subordinates represented.

Companion Charles H. Ohr, M. E. Grand High Priest, in his address, beautifully alludes to and gratefully acknowledges the many kind benificent favors of the Lord of Hosts; pleasantly notices the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, and anticipates still greater influence for good to the Craft in the future deliberations of that august body. There is but little in the business of the Grand Chapter to interest us.

On Foreign Correspondence the Committee reports a review of the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters, and those of the General Grand Chapter. Among these Indiana is noticed.

M E., Geo. L. McCahan was elected and installed Grand High Priest.

They report 23 Subordinate Chapters, 2 under Dispensation, and a membership of 1,133.

MICHIGAN.

The Twenty-third Annual Grand Convocation was held in Detroit, January 3, 4 and 5, 1872. Seventy-two Subordinates represented. M. E., Hugh McCurdy, Grand High Priest, delivered an interesting address, embodying that faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind, that reflects the strength, vitality and true Glory of our beloved Order. He says:

"We have built a gorgeous temple, whose foundation, if well guarded, must endure until the last sylable of recorded time. Upon its golden altars let the ruder and darker shades of humanity be mellowed into light, and around the pillars which sustain the edifice, let there be engraved in letters of living fire, this our mission and our work, to refine society and cultivate man's moral power, to strengthen our faith in the great law of compensation, giving Divinity to hope and eternity to time. For these splendid results, which the instrumentality of man has brought about, and upon which we may look with such admiring affection, it becomes us always to lay the tribute of our fervent gratitude at the foot of that throne whose Almighty occupant has nourished our weakness

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into strength, and rendered harmless the darts of detraction, and let us, with these thank-offerings send up earnest petitions to our Good Father, gushing warm from the heart, that his protecting arm may never be withdrawn, but that in his All-wise counsels it may be ordained that our beloved Order shall still advance in its hallowed mission of Faith, Hope and Charity."

There have been eight new Chapters formed, and six Dispensations granted during the year.

This Excellent Companion has decided, as a question of law, that a brother, in his advancement to higher degrees, has rights to be respected, and in which we fully concur.

"When he crosses the threshold, and receives one or more degrees, he has a right to sit in the *Lodge* in which he received Masonic Light, whatever that may be; he now stands as a Brother, not as a candidate. If he applies for advancement and is refused, he has a Masonic right to know what is the cause of the confusion among the Craft, that he may have a chance to meet the accuser face to face, meet the accusation, and have the judgment of his peers. I must therefore decide that when a Companion objects verbally to a Brother receiving the P. M. Degree, being acknowledged a M. E. M., or being exalted to the Holy Royal Arch, the H. P. shall request the objector to file charges and specifications against the Brother, and in case of his neglect or refusal so to do, the H. P. may proceed to confer the degrees."

In this view of the M. E. Grand High Priest the Grand Chapter concured, notwithstanding there was a proposition to modify it.

In relation to the aid forwarded to and received by the Grand High Priest, for the sufferers by the great fires of the North and North-West, he says:

"Portions of our sister jurisdictions have called forth the grandest display of charity that the world ever witnessed," (among the acknowledged donations from various Grand Chapters, I find that of $200 donated by the Grand Chapter of Indiana,) "making in all $525, which I distributed to the Companions of Manistee Chapter, and the widows and orphans of Companions at that place, in accordance with the wishes of the donors of the same."

Companion McCurdy has given a very succinct yet interesting history of Royal Arch Masonry of earlier days in Michigan, showing that although persecutions have been waged against her, and had left but few who had never bowed the knee to Baal, Masonry, in her combined courage, strength, wisdom and upward progress, now numbers over 500,000 in these United States, 100,000 of the Royal Cra t, and over 6,000 in the State of Michigan. He unites in the general testimony given of the G. G. Chapter, that "the session was a pleasant, agreeable and interesting one, and afforded

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an excellent opportunity to cultivate the true spirit of brotherly love and affection."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. J. E. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee, well written, full of valuable matter, it is a pleasure to peruse it. Of the Representative system he says:

"If any Representative system among our State Grand Chapters must be indulged in, let it be a real one. Let the Grand Chapters severally send out one or more of their own members as an embassy to the other Grand Chapters. We would, in such case, entertain those sent us as we would entertain the son of an Emperor, and have a good time."

The proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, and those of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, have been reviewed. Indiana for 1871 being among the number. He respectfully notices the "Notes of Alarm," as given by the Grand High Priest, his appeal for aid for the sufferers by the great fires, and Companion Ellis' report and resolution in their behalf.

The substitute question seems to trouble Comp. Johnson, and he says:

"It is, in our judgment, to be regretted that the General Grand Chapter did not meet the case so fairly presented, and dispose of it on its true merits by changing the ritual or changing the practice."

Perhaps the General Grand Chapter thought somewhat differently from Companion Johnson. He quotes Comp. Drummond as good authority in the case, as saying "the language of the Ritual and the installation charge to a H. P. *are in direct conflict with the practice.*" But is this respected Companion always correct? We are very apt to agree with him who speaks as we wish. If in the multitude of Counselors there is safety, would it not be wise to adopt the fully expressed opinion of the Generel Grand Chapter after the case "had been so fairly presented," as represented by Comp. Johnson. If we can read the decision of the General Grand Chapter it is this:

Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter decides that the use of substitutes is not a violation of the Ritual of Royal Arch Masonry, or the installation charges delivered to a High Priest.

Comp. Drummond, *et al.*, to the contrary notwithstanding. Again, perhaps Comp. J. is more ready to agree with our good friend Drummond when they coincide in their views than when they do not. Well, this is human. Comp. Johnson, quoting from the same source, says:

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"The facts stated by Comp, Drummond furnish but a feeble inference to the contrary; his language, viz· 'So far as the record discloses it was not conferred upon three brethren together till 1797,' certainly does not show that the record discloses anything on the subject anterior to that date."

Now if the language of Comp. D., as here quoted, does not disclose anything on the subject anterior to 1797, why not inform us what the *record does disclose*, viz: "That in February, 1795, the Chapter voted that in future there shall only two be advanced to the Royal Arch step the same evening."

Now this does not show that prior to 1797 three had not been advanced at one time, neither does it show that these two were advanced *together*. Not more than *two* the same evening. Whether separately or not the records do not state.

When the matter is so indefinite as to whether there was any Companionship in those rugged travels, unless it be determined to drive a point at all hazard, it is my humble opinion that to leave it as the General Grand Chapter has left it will more certainly secure harmony throughout all our jurisdictions.

M. E., L. H. Randall, of Grand Rapids, was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E., J. E. Johnson, of Centerville, Grand Secretary.

From their statistical table we learn there are 82 Chapters working under Charter, and one under Dispensation, with a total membership of 5,927.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts held four Convocations in the city of Boston during the year 1870. A Quarterly Convocation on the 8th of March, M. E., Henry Chickering Presiding. Twenty-six subordinates were represented. In the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest he notices an incident that is not often witnessed. He says:

"In visiting King Hiram Chapter, at Newburyport, I witnessed the advancing to the degree of Mark Master a gentleman 82 years of age, and who had been a Mason 54 years. He was hale and hearty, and his interest for Masonry had not abated one jot. In his advancement he seemed to enter into the spirit of it with all the zeal and interest of youth. The event was, to my mind, a very pretty illustration of the spirit of love and equality pervading our beloved Fraternity, and of the deep and abiding attachment of the Fathers to it."

The Second Quarterly was held on the 7th day of June. Twenty-one Subordinates were represented, M. E., H. Chickering

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presiding. In the business of this Convocation I notice the Companions are careful to provide for the wants of the needy. So it should be. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth."

The Third Quarterly Convocation was held September 13. The entrance of the M. E. Grand High Priest, accompanied by the Grand Officers, was officially announced, and the Grand Chapter was duly organized. Twenty-seven Subordinates were represented, M. E. Grand High Priest Chickering Presiding. There were two Dispensations granted for the formation of new Chapters.

The Annual Convocation was held December 13. The entrance of the M. E. Grand High Priest, accompanied by the Grand Officers, was officially announced, and the Grand Chapter was duly organized. The M. E. Henry Chickering Presiding. Whether there were any of the Subordinate Chapters represented in this Convocotion we are not informed, until after the address of the Grand High Priest, which keeps us in suspense a long time, when it appears there were present the Representatives of forty Subordinates. The M. E., in his excellent address, evinces a commendable anxiety for the good of Capitular Masonry in his jurisdiction and from which, as well as in conjunction with them, the world wide Companionship may be benefitted. At this time a selection or two from his address may not be useless.

"The past year has been one of almost uninterrupted prosperity throughout our jurisdiction, and we have the most abundant cause for thankfulness for the harmony that has prevailed, and for the steady growth and progress of our Order in every part of the State. The six Chapters under Dispensation, and five receiving Charters, 'equal one-fourth of all the Chartered ones at the commencement of the year.' Surely this is growth which, if natural and healthy, as I believe it is, we may feel truly grateful for and take a just pride in."

Again, he says:

"In some localities, in years past, the Chapter has been used as a sort of stepping-stone to other Degrees and Orders, and such having never felt any interest in the Chapter Work, Ritual and Lectures, have neglected, and almost, or quite, deserted our meetings."

I fear that, in some cases at least, this idea of the Chapter as a stepping-stone has been too common, and that out of it has grown a somewhat careless execution of the Chapter Work and Ritual, and that the beauties and moral teachings of these sublime Degrees have not been sufficiently studied and understood. He further remarks:

"In our Chapter I found a practice which may perhaps pre-

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vail in others, though I am not aware of it, in reference to referring petitions for degrees and membership, which strikes me favorably, and which I therefore mention. Instead of announcing publicly the names of the committee to whom the petition is referred, the High Priest appoints them privately, and either himself, or through the Secretary, notifies each one, without informing him who the other members of the committee are. Each one investigates the case himself, and reports to the High Priest in writing, so that whatever the report may be the author is not known, except to the High Priest, and perhaps the Secretary."

In this I can but accord in judgment with M. E. Comp. Chickering, that this secresy of the report of the committee, as that of the ballot, has a tendency to encourage committees to be more free and independent in expressing their real judgment of the merits of a candidate. Relations with sister Grand Chapters are pleasant and harmonious.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is quite prolific, and of general interest. From it we would like to collect several items, but having given so much attention to the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, we feel constrained to pass it for the present, except to notice that Indiana has expressed views in relation to the Past Master's degree that Massachusetts can not endorse, while on the other hand she seems truly delighted with what is said of substitutes by the G. H. P. in 1870.

Perhaps this is because "the glorious old State of Massachusetts" is held forth as a sample to corroborate our practice in the use of substitutes. M. E. Henry Chickering was unanimously re-elected Grand High Priest.

Here we dismiss the proceedings of 1870 and take up those of 1871. In this year, 1871, the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts held fourteen Convocations: nine special, in various localities, for the purpose of constituting Subordinate Chapters; one Special to install the Grand Officers of the G. R. A. C.; three Quarterly, and its Annual Convocation, held in Boston. This last was held December 12, 1871, and as their usual custom is, occupied the day in the exhibition of the Work and Lectures of the several Degrees of Capitular Masonry. With such constant attention to Work, Lectures, &c., Companions must cherish a pride or emulation of who best can work and best agree.

The M. E.'s amiably written address sets forth the peace and harmony so uninterruptably theirs, nor does he forget to acknowledge, with devout gratitude, the kindly blessings of the Supreme *High Priest.* The closing paragraph of his address indicates the

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feelings of a noble, fraternal heart towards his associate officers and Companions, a part of which I insert. He says:

"I desire now, on retiring from office, to express my grateful acknowledgments for all your kindness and courtesy, your leniency with all my shortcomings or mistakes, and your uniform support, encouragement and assistance, as well as for your generous and bountiful hospitable reception of me as the Representative of the Grand Chapter, on all occasions of my official visitations among you in your Subordinate Chapters. May the Supreme Grand High Priest ever bless you and preside over all your Counsels."

The very excellent Report on Foreign Correspondence is full of interest, but for want of time we must pass it by.

M. E. Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, was elected Grand High Priest.

Chapters, 57, being an increase of 10; exaltations, 873; dimitted, 333; deaths, 63; suspended, 1; expelled, 1; discharged, 22; whole number of members, 6,853, being an increase during the year of more than 700. R. E., Z. H. Thomas, Jr., Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Mississippi held her Twenty-Fourth Annual Convocation at Holly Springs, January 18, A. D. 1872; M. E. Charles T. Bond, Grand High Priest, presiding; fifty-six of the one hundred and one Subordinate Chapters represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest most pleasingly expresses gratitude and delight in the blessings, peace and prosperity of the year. Nor does he forget the affliction so heavily fallen on the northern borders of our land. Alive to their woes, his exhortations flow from a heart touched with their suffering. "We must not," he says, "forget the duty of the hour: the homeless must be sheltered, the hungry fed, the naked clothed; the widow and the orphan must be provided for. If anything can be done for their relief, it should be done." In his touching tribute to the dead he says: "The love which survives the tomb is one of the noblest attributes of the soul."

He notices with pleasure the G. Grand Chapter. The business is principally local in its nature, and interests none more than their own Jurisdiction. It is gratifying to learn that the Craft is in prosperity, and with their hearty good will must cheer the spirits of others.

No report on Foreign Correspondence. They report one hundred and eighty-six Exaltations, with a membership of 2,663. M. E., H.

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C. Robinson, of Meridian, was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion J. L. Power, of Jackson, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Chapter held her twenty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of St. Louis, February 5, 1871; M. E. Joseph M. Fox, Grand High Priest, presiding; forty-seven Chapters represented.

The anuual address refers principally to the local duties of the Grand High Priest. He touchingly notices the death of "three valuable and beloved Companions"—Comps. J. F. Houston, P. G. H. P.; R. L. Fisher, G. R. A. C.; and Rev. P. M. Pinchard, P. G. Chaplain. He highly compliments the arguments of Companion Gouley before the G. G. Chapter, on the Past Masters question, and regrets that it was not eliminated from the Capitular Degrees.

The Grand Lecturer reports a general visitation of the Subordinates; that peace and good will prevail, and that good work, square work is "faithfully practiced;" and further says, "the habit of using levity and introducing frivolous ceremonies into the work is universally abandoned, and our solemn mysteries are everywhere inculcated with proper solemnity and decorum."

But little business was transacted. The report on Foreign Correspondence by Companion Gouley is an able document, and contains much interesting matter. He *reviews* the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters, ours among them. He quotes from Iowa Proceedings of 1870, Companion P. C. Wright, G. H. P., presiding, who says:

"I have been called upon during the year to make no decisions of general importance or interest to the Craft, excepting the one called out by the great growth of the A. and A. Rite in Iowa, to-wit: that having received the Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite does not entitle their recipient to visit a Chapter and be recognized as a Royal Arch Mason, unless he has secured the Degrees of the Chapter in a Constitutional manner in a Royal Arch Chapter of the York Rite."

To this, Companion Gouley remarks: "Companion Wright must be mistaken; he certainly means that it *does*, and not only does, but is actually necessary, else why is it necessary that the Grand High Priest of Iowa has to sign himself at the end of his official report, Pitkin C. Wright, 32°, G. H. P.?"

In noticing Indiana for 1870, he regards the argument of our M. E. Grand High Priest, H. G. Hazlerigg for having the chief officer review proceedings, as inconsistent. Whether so or not, a Committee on Foreign Correspondence would be to me preferable.

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He also notices Kansas, of 1870. An extract may not be out of place here. Companion O. A. Bassett, G. H. P., is not favorable to granting Dispensations to form new Chapters. He decides that "a Chapter U. D. is an inchoate body. It is simply an assemblage of Masons exercising the functions of a Chapter so far as necessary for the advancement of Master Masons to the R. A. Degree, but has no other power or authority whatever. * * * Membership therein is unknown; none can affiliate with it: is organized solely for the purpose of giving the petitioners an opportunity to show to the Grand Chapter their ability to labor," &c. To this, Companion Gouley replies in the following decided yet simplified manner, and touches Companion Mackey on the route:

"We hope the time may come, but sometimes fear it never will, when some of Companion A. G. Mackey's innovations will cease to be law. We have as high appreciation of his works as any one can have, but that they are not perfect all must allow; and we know of no greater fallacy ever put afloat than this, viz: that a Lodge or Chapter is merely an "inchoate body."

If they are merely inchoate, so must be the candidates they turn out; in other words, they are Masonic eggs, to be hatched out by a full-grown Chapter. The conclusion that Companion Bassett comes to is the natural one, by logical deductions from the false premises, viz: that a Chapter U. D. is merely a *cryptic* play-house, where children gather together, with stray China just to practice on before they grow up, and a pretty mess of tea they wind up with, when they realize that they are merely children, and are not responsible for broken dishes. *Come*, Companion B., let us look this case square in the face, like able-bodied men, and grasp the issue as it stands. You issue a Dispensation for a Chapter, and to do what? To make Royal Arch Masons, * * * * the equal of every R. A. Mason in the world.

To say that those who compose it are not members of it, but merely a lot of Companions assembled in another room to experiment on candidates, whom having exalted are not members also, is to say that a Chapter U. D. is nothing more nor less than a meeting in an anti-room performing a R. A. farce, and we deny the power of the Grand High Priest to be a party to it by issuing a mere letter of Dispensation.

We hold that a Chapter U. D. is a regularly organized body composed of its constituent members, and those who are made therein become members, and when they dimit and travel abroad they can conscientiously say they hail from a regular Chapter with authority and power to work."

So we think.

In reviewing *Alabama*, Companion Gouley endorses the remarks of Companion Horner. Referring to the correspondent, Companion Mason, of the District of Columbia, he says of Companion H., "he

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gives the following scattering and well deserved rebukes to Companion J. E. Mason:

"The report on Foreign Correspondence submitted by Companion John Edwin Mason is a very ably written document, but in some repects such as we hope never to be obliged to again notice. His criticisms (when he keeps himself within the bounds ef propriety) are forcible, and his arguments (when in tone and language of a gentleman) are entitled to great weight; but in more than one, aye even in many instances, he indulges in language that in the profane world could only be answered by a *blow*."

A hint to the wise should be profitable. He closes his correspondence report with the following interesting sentiment:

"This is an age for investigation and search for truth. Thus we are not in favor of trying to force facts as facts until they are proven, or brought to the full sunlight of reason and common sense. With this plan fully in view, Foreign Correspondents have been able to correct many errors without wounding the feelings of any, and we trust their usefulness in this line will be fully appreciated."

Statistical: 72 Chapters; 462 Exaltations; 3,406 total membership; M. E. Joseph M. Fox, of St. Louis, Grand High Priest; R. E. George Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons met at Lincoln, June 20, 1871. There being a quorum present, their Fifth Annual Convocation was opened in Ancient form. The M. E., E. A. Allen Grand High Priest, Presiding.

The records are well arranged. The address of the M. E., and Report on Correspondence, are not voluminous but interesting. The M. E. remarks that to Masons, *good and true*, it is esteemed a blessed privilege to be permitted to participate in these annual re-unions. He gives us gratifying information of their presperity and harmony, and of the Work he speaks: "I declare it par-excellent with reference to our Sister Grand Bodies. * * * * Our relations with all are of the most friendly and Fraternal character." He closes his address thus:

"I shall cheerfully surrender to you the Jewel and other emblems of my office, and with an earnest long to be permitted as an honorable member upon the floor, a co-worker with you in the bonds of peace, love and unity, so that finally, when our work below shall have been accomplished, we may all, by His goodness and mercy, hope at last to be admitted within the veils of the Heavenly Tabernacle, 'for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever.'"

We notice a pleasing testimonial of their gratitude to the R. A.

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Chapters of California, particularly Chapter No. 5. for their most flattering reception and generous hospitality extendd to M. E. G. H. P., E. A. Allen, as remindful of that all powerful bond of union, love and affection, which should ever exist among the Companions of our Order.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is well arranged, and although it is not voluminous, there is much interesting matter noticable in it. Noticing Connecticut he selects the following remarks of the Grand High Priest:

"Too many times I have been led to fear the black ball is made use of from personal motives, to spite the friend of a candidate. * * * Or some other equally ruinous motive, rather than the unworthiness of the candidate. This is a sore evil among Companions."

But again: "Companions, no one can reflect on the present state of society about us, without being forcibly reminded of the alarming increase of those plague spots upon the Masonic character, intemperance and profanity." It is gratifying to see so many of our Companions, Grand High Priests, reviewers and others, so promptly testifying against these evils, and I can not but accord with the following advice and sentiment of Connecticut, and endorsed by Nebraska, and we hope many others:

"These things ought not so to be. Officers of Chapters, let us thoroughly purge our bodies, endeavor to correct each others failings by advice, admonition and reproof, and if all else fails cut off the offending member. For it is far better that one member perish rather than the whole body suffer reproach."

In noticing Illinois, they think the Committee on the Grand High Priest's address of 1869, dispose of important matters rather summarily, and that the Grand Chapter adopted the report without consideration.

Of Indiana, 1870, they say, "The address of the Grand High Priest is full and pointed," and select portions of the address.

Comp. E. A. Allen, of Omaha, was elected Grand High Priest, and Robert W. Furnas, of Brownville, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE,

The G. R. A. C. of New Hampshire, met in Concord, May 16, 1871, Comp. John Harris, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding. Representatives of thirteen Subordinate Chapters present.

The M. E. delivered his very excellent address, and informs us that "This is the Fifty-third Annual Convocation, that the utmost

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harmony continues to prevail throughout their jurisdiction. No notes of discord are heard, no words of complaint have reached me during the year. So carefully were the foundations of the R. A. Bodies of New Hampshire laid at their origin, so cautious and discreet has been the course of the several Chapters, that during the long period of sixty-four years * * * * dissentions have been unknown. "He feelingly speaks of the departed, and in fine words recounts their official standing. He recommends the consideration of Representatives to other Grand Bodies. The G. G. Chapter is a favorite, and he says: "I have confidence that it will be perpetuated, and will retain its high position as one of the most influential and important organizations on the glode."

Comp. E. Gustine, D. G H. P., in his report of official duties, notices the conferring of a plurality of degrees the same evening, and says: "It frequently results in slighting a portion of the work, possibly that which is of the greatest importance to the candidate. One degree well worked gives more satisfaction and real information." So we think, and no doubt of more interest and of deeper impression to the candidate, as well as the general wellfare of the Craft.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. John W. Fellows. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, ours among them. In his notice of California he says: "Comp. Owen thinks High Priest's have the right, under certain circumstances, to resign," and then adds, "this idea is not in accordance with the general tone of authorities."

Under District of Columbia he eulogizes Comp. J. E. Mason's report as the fullest, and containing the most matter of any other; refers to him as a devoted Masonic workman, and notices the very valuable paper, prepared at Comp. Mason's request by Comp. W. J. Hughan, of England, upon Capitular Free Masonry in England, Scotland and Ireland. "Comp. Hughan," he says, "has contributed much to the education and enlightenment of the Fraternity, and has conferred a great favor upon the Order by the preparation of this article."

In his notice of England he says, "The position and influence of this Grand Body are worthy of high respect the world over, for it is composed of men of rank, and still more of very superior cul tivation."

Indiana he notices very respectfully, and says of P. G. H. P. H. G. Hazelrigg's address in 1870, "that it contains as much, if not

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more, valuable reading matter than any one we have yet found. * * * His criticisms are just, and his reasoning sound, and his decisions will bear the severest test."

M. E. John A. Harris, of Concord, Grand High Priest, and Abel Hutchins, of Concord, Grand Secretary.

They report 17 Chapters, 126 Exaltations, and 1,804 members.

NEW JERSEY.

The Fifteenth Annual Convocation was held September 15, A. D., 1871, M. E. Comp. M. Higginbotham, G. H. P., presiding. Twenty-one Subordinates represented.

The Grand High Priest's Address is one of interest, and well arranged. He shows a warm Masonic heart in the pleasures expressed in meeting again fraternal acquaintances, after a lapse of a year's separation. Of prosperity, he says "that in three years the number of Royal Arch Masons has been almost doubled; prosperity and stability still continue to greet us from all parts of the State."

We most fully agree with this Excellent Companion, that mere numerical strength is not indicative of prosperity. He pays respectful tribute to the dead, and cordially favors the representative system. Three Dispensations to organize Chapters were granted, and one of them revoked for want of a suitable room in which to hold their meetings. He says:

"I would urge upon officers less haste in conferring degrees, and more impressiveness of manner in tone of voice and in actions. The reason is obvious to any observant Companion."

He also recommends the practice of conferring not more than one degree of an evening, and says:

"That as each new beauty is revealed to the gaze of the candidate, an indelible impression is made upon his mind, and he is better able to appreciate the labor that has been bestowed upon him."

I fully agree with the following:

"Masonry is the study of a lifetime, but too many of its votaries, I fear, lose sight of the first great requirements, grasp at the shadow and lose the substance."

The D. G. H. P., E. K. and Scribe each give very encouraging reports of the prosperity, work, harmony and hospitality of the Order in their official visitations among the Chapters of their Grand Jurisdiction. We notice nothing in the business of the Grand Chapter claiming our attention. The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion T. J. Corson. He reviews the proceed-

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ings of thirty-six Grand Chapters. Gives an interesting detail of their condition and doings. Indiana is among them. Companion Corson queries why we call the place of our meeting a Grand Hall. Answer—Because it is so.

In noticing New Hampshire, he quotes the following, which we are pleased to endorse:

"We would respectfully ask if an applicant for the degrees is an outsider? When this question is properly settled, it will settle many others that have been raised in the discussion of this subject. All candidates for the Chapter degrees belong to the brotherhood Masons, and not to the profane. They have taken the first three degrees, which are the foundation—the chief corner stone of all the degrees in Freemasonry. They have claims on every Master Mason, which he is bound to respect while they are in good standing in the Fraternity. In a word, this is a family matter—*we are brethren.* Now, when a brother applies to the Chapter for the degrees, he expects all the members will exercise their rights under the secret ballot. He is balloted for and admitted. He is informed of that fact, and notified to appear and receive the first degree. A member of the Chapter comes forward and objects. That objection is not a secret ballot, it is an open negative ballot, and the objector should be required to see the applicant, and try to have the grounds of the objection removed, or make them known to the Chapter, that they might judge between their brethren. Masonic obligations sit too lightly on a great many of our brethren at the present day. We talk about unseating a member in the Chapter. If a Companion can not sit with a brother in the Chapter, how can he sit with him in a Lodge?"

Rev. Wm. H. Jeffreys, of Camden, Grand High Priest, E., John Wolverton, of Trenton, Grand Secretary.

Twenty-six Chapters with a membership of 2,233.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held their seventy-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Albany, February 6, A. D. 1872; M. E. Rees G. Williams, Grand High Priest, presiding. One hundred and seventy-five Subordinate Chapters were represented. The annual address of the M. E. Grand High Priest is an able official document, showing an ability for and devotion to the Fraternal work. He says:

"Protected by the care and blessing of our Father in Heaven we are assembled after another year's experience, to consult together for the good of R. A. Masonry, and I extend to you my personal and official greeting."

In speaking of the ability, devotion and influence of departed Companions, he says:

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"Companions, shall we not be encouraged by the brightness of their example; shall we be content with the beautiful ideal of Masonry, regardless of its conspicuous living embodiment; can we lose sight of the fact that to exert its influence over others it must first of all gain complete ascendency over ourselves.

There is untold power in consistency, pre-eminently so in Masonry. Nor is there room for doubt that they so thought, believed and acted, who have finished their earthly course and are in the presence of the Lord Almighty above. With devout thanksgiving to the *Great I Am*, and in affectionate recognition of our duty to him and to our fellow-men, attend we now to the history of the work which has particularly occupied our attention for the past year."

Noble sentiments! let every Fraternal ear attend. Of the Grand Lecturer he says: "The labors of R. E. Jackson H. Chase, Grand Lecturer, so faithful and unremitting during the past five years, are attended by the happiest results, as is shown by the prompt and efficient manner in which our Subordinates confer the degrees." His generous, sympathizing heart has not forgotten the sufferers by the late fires of the Northwest. Of relations with Sister Grand Jurisdictions, he says:

"I take pleasure in calling your attention to the excellent and harmonious relations existing between our own and concurrent jurisdictions. Nothing but the utmost good feeling and cordiality has characterized the year. Indeed I think we may challenge any and all other associations or bodies of men similarly situated, to a comparison of record, either as to peaceful, quiet settlement of differences of opinion, or conflict of claims—setting forth in the strongest light the great beauty of our system: Universal Brotherhood! Theorize as some will, argue as others may, the great fact still exists that Royal Arch Masonry has a charm and a power unequaled and irresistible."

Companion T. C. Cassidy, D. G. H. P., is a worker; has officially visited thirty-seven Chapters in the year, and says: "I can personally speak of the peace, harmony and love that prevails, and the only contention I can find existing is, who can best work and best agree." The Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction are industrious laborers. A great amount of business was transacted, the work of the degrees exemplified, and amid all these toilsome labors of a Grand Chapter, they were not unmindful of the poor, afflicted and sorrowing. Noble example, not to be unrewarded.

On Foreign Correspondence, a very able report is submitted by Companion Joseph White, Chairman of the Committee. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters and those of the General Grand Chapter. Indiana is among them. Noticing Connecticut, he says:

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"We omit some very sensible remarks on the use of Substitutes, and the number Three, for the reason that the General Grand Chapter has officially sanctioned their use. The number three was anciently, by all people, esteemed the symbol of *Deity*, and is therefore intimately connected with what immediately pertains to his name and presence. This will be perceived in the compact of our three Ancient Grand Masters in the broken triangle, and at a later date in the three Ancient Brethren who went up to rebuild the temple and city of *Jehovah*. They sought that which was lost, and as a condition of its finding, the same number three must be present to receive it, as by the absence of one, many years before, it was lost. The representation is historical, and so long as the facts of the traditional history are preserved and the presence of three weary sojourners is secured to receive the lost treasure, the design of the requirement, in our judgment, is fully answered."

"A wise conclusion," so says Companion White, and I see no reason why this matter may not be forever at rest.

On Indiana for 1871, he gives a very respectful notice, and thinks the Grand High Priest and his associate Representatives to the General Grand Chapter, to be "very modest." If Campanion White were familiarly acquainted with them, perhaps he might think so.

Noticing Iowa, he says: "Under the head of Connecticut, Companion Taylor says the following opens up a new kink in our optics:"

Resolved, That Columbia Chapter, No. 31, be excused from payment of fine imposed for non-representation at the Semi-Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, no notice thereof having reached said Chapter.

Under the head of Mississippi, he notices an objection to the Grand Chapter having control of the Order of High Priesthood, to which Companion White replies:

"We think our Companions in other Jurisdictions will, in process of time, learn that the Order of High Priesthood, as conferred in this (N. Y.) Jurisdiction, is a part of the Installation ceremony of a High Priest elect, and contains instructions particularly applicable to his duties as the head of the Chapter. For this reason the Grand Chapter of New York deemed it best to confer the Order at the opening of the session, that the High Priests elect, being the Representatives of their several Chapters, might better understand the duties of their office. The opinion of many of our Companions to the contrary notwithstanding."

Query: If "a part of the Installation ceremony," why not confer it at the time of Installation?

Under New Jersey, he "fully concurs" with Companion Corson, "that when a Brother who has been suspended for the non-payment of dues was restored by the payment of them, such restoration in

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his Lodge should restore him in Chapter also, without further action."

In noticing the action of the General Grand Chapter in rescinding "the restrictions hereto given as to conferring the Past Master's Degree in Chapter," Companion White says:

"The writer hereof, since receiving the Past Master's Degree in Chapter as well as in Lodge, nearly fifty years ago, has always considered the Chapter Past Master's Degree fully equivalent to all intents and purposes, so far as instruction and ceremonials are concerned, to the ceremonials of actual Past Master of a Lodge, though it does not confer the standing which an actual Past Master receives. But anything short of the full ceremonial for an actual Past Master we believe to be mutilating the instruction purported to be communicated. We so understood it at the time; we think so now; and desire to see the Past Master's Degree conferred in full in Chapter as in Symbolic Lodge, and if conferred in that spirit its instructions will be invaluable to a man and a Mason, though giving no extra official standing."

Companion White's concluding remarks are worthy of attentive consideration, a portion of which I will insert:

"Uniformity of work is still a subject of remark. What makes a man a Mason? It would not be very difficult to obtain absolute uniformity in regard to that question. The ceremonies are illustrations which may be and are exhibited with more or less formality without injury to the vital points. The uniformity of laws, rules and regulations throughout the several Grand Jurisdictions appears to your Commmittee to be of as much if not more importance to the well-being of the Fraternity than a verbatim uniformity of ritual. With this view, we append a resolution in regard thereto:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to collate the rules, regulations, decisions, &c., of each of the Grand Chapters of our country, and submit them to the General Grand Chapter at its next session for comparison, and revision if necessary, to secure uniformity of action with each other Grand Jurisdiction."

The address of the Rev. James Byron Murry, G. C., illustrating "the moral teachings of the seven degrees," as appended to the proceedings, is well worth perusal, and more: though short, it is too lengthy to be inserted here, yet that the Craft may enjoy the benefit of reading and digesting them, I recommend they be printed in the Appendix to our Proceedings.

They report 184 Chapters, with a membership of 16,812. The M. E. Rees G. Williams, of Utica, re-elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Christopher G. Fox, of Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held in Wilming-

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ton, June 3, A. L., 5872, A. D. 1872, twelve Subordinates represented. M. E. Companion John Nichols, Grand High Priest, Presiding. In his excellent annual address he says:

"If the uninitiated ask why we thus assemble, or question us in regard to what constitutes Masonry, we can answer in the language of a distinguished Companion of our State. Masonry avoids strife and controversy; if there are neighborhood disputes she is neutral; in the arena of politics she is of no party; in Theology she is of no sect; in war she goes not to battle, except as an angel of mercy; when reviled she reviles not again; she invites no one into her Councils, and turns none away who comes of his own free will and accord, and is worthy. She has nothing to ask as a favor, and nothing to fear. A blameless life of centuries is her safety, and the mountains are not higher nor the sea broader than her fame."

He recommends a return to the G. G. Chapter again. In closing his address he says:

"Has it ever occurred to you, Companions, that if the Grand Overseer should call for our blocks to be tried by his unerring square, how rough they would appear? How unfit for the Temple; how little squared; how much of the dirt of the quarry, envy, discord, malice and hypocrisy would be found clinging to them, and how these things would mar the symetry and beauty of the building? We may hear the lessons of Masonry for a life-time, but if we do not reduce the theories to practice they will avail us nothing."

The Deputy Custodian of the Work exemplified the Work and Lectures of the M, Master's Degree, as also the ceremonies of opening a R. A. Chapter.

The Grand Chapter, agreeably to the recommendations of her Committee, adopted the following:

Resolued, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Body in 1857, withdrawing from the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, be and the same is hereby repealed.

She objects to the action of the Grand Lodge of that State, requiring her Subordinates to expel unaffiliated Masons from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and appeals to the Grand Lodge to rescind their action.

They have 12 Chapters on the roll, and about 524 members.

M. E. John Nichols, Grand High Priest, and E. Thomas B. Carr, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Comes to us with a welcome greeting, and we heartily wish this late organized Grand Body prosperity, peace and harmony in all her relations both at home and with all Grand Bodies of Capitular

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Masonry everywhere. The fraternal greeting and hearty acknowledgment of this Grand Chapter as among those with which we delight to hold fraternal correspondence, are most cordially extended to our sister Companions of Nova Scotia. She held two Emergent Communications in Halifax in 1871. One on the 4th of April, to receive notices of motions for changes of her Constitution, M. E. Companion S. R. Sircom, acting G. H. P. One on the 11th of April, to consider the notices of motions received. M. E. Comp. Hon. Alex. Keith, G. H. P., presided.

The Second Annual Convocation was held in Halifax, June 6th, A. I., 2401. Three Subordinates represented. M. E., S. R. Sircom, acting G. H. P. The R. E. Grand King, Companion W. A. Hesson, submitted an Address, which was read by the Grand Secretary. He says:

"During the past year we have had the most satisfactory assurances of the good will and brotherly friendship of the Companions on this continent. The establishment of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia has almost universally received the unqualified approval, the warmest sympathy, and the most fraternal consideration from the Grand Chapter of England, and those in America. Thus you see our position as a supreme body is unalterable, and no disaffection on the part of any member or members can possibly impede that sure progress that Capitular Masonry is destined to make in this province."

The by-laws of the several Chapters have been approved. They are harmonious and flourishing. The G. H. P., Companion Keith, is absent because of ill-health. A Chapter at Waro, called Keith Chapter, was chartered.

The following resolution was adopted:

"No Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction shall exhibit any emblem of the Fraternity in order to attract attention to his business."

This sounds Masonic, and should be strictly enforced.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion J. Conway Brown. The proceedings of twenty-six Grand Chaptres are reviewed, but I fail to find Indiana in the number. He says of Alabama:

"She was one of those who recognized us on the receipt of our circular, and was not as charry as one or two, who wished further light."

Companion Brown is quite humorous in his notice of Iowa. Uunder the head of Kentucky he says:

"Our formation is noticed, and our Grand Chapter recognized,

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but in mercy to the printers we forbear to mark the passage for insertion."

They have a Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood.

Statistical: 3 Chapters, 136 members. M. E., S. R. Sircom, G. H. P.; R. E., Jas. Gossip, Grand Scribe

OHIO.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocotion was held in Sandusky, September 26, A. D., 1871, M. E. Charles C. Kiefer, Grand High Priest.

In his Annual Address he says, "Life to me is a great mystery," and no doubt the thought of a harvest gathering would be pressed upon a mind and heart so susceptible of meritorious impressions as his, when so many of the amiable and good of familiar fellowship are being called to the Temple above. It may be said, Comp. K. is in the midst of death. Where is Sparrow, Embre, Stinman, and where is Saunderson, Companions once in fellowship, officially and socially? He may ask, "Where is your Life?" He gives respectful tribute to these departed Fraters. He reports having issued four Dispensations for new Chapters, notices the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, and in conclusion kindly takes leave officially of his Companions.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters; Indiana is missing. Very lengthy extracts are made in some cases. They are generally made with great care, and contain valuable information. They give a very hearty welcome to the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

I find in the business transacted that the resolution of 1868, declaring that a Master Mason maimed "is not a proper candidate for the Chapter Degrees," was repealed, and the subject was left as the moral and other necessary qualifications are, with the several Subordinate Chapters.

They report 6,671 members enrolled.

Companions C. C. Kiefer, of Dayton, Grand High Priest, and James Nesbitt, of Troy, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

PENNSYLVANIA

Held a Quarterly Grand Communication, February 2, A. D. 1871.

At this session the Grand Chapter granted a Charter for a new Chapter, received the Report on Finances, and decided that "an objection at any time to the advancement of a candidate before

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receiving the degree in a Mark Lodge, or the first degree applied for in a Chapter * * * shall be deemed a rejection."

Another Quarterly Convocation was held May 4, 1871, and the Third Quarterly Convocation was held August 3, 1871. In these the Grand Chapter very fraternally declines an acquiescence in the request of the General Grand Chapter.

The Fourth Quarterly Communication was held November 2, 1872, when Companion C. E. Meyer was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Companion John Thomson Grand Secretary.

The Annual Communication was held in Philadelphia, December 27, A. D., 1871, Companion M. Nisbet, Grand High Priest, Presiding. The Report on Foreign Correspondence was ordered to be printed without being read in the Chapter.

The Grand High Priest delivered an able address, in which he presents a large amount of labor that he performed in Chapter visitation. Peace and prosperity reign within the jurisdiction, and nothing has occurred to disturb these peaceful relations. They report a fund of $13,300, permanently invested. At the close of the address the Grand Officers were installed.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Charles E. Meyer, in assuming the duties of his office, gave a very interesting address. In his succinct history of R. A. Masonry in Pennsylvania, he gives some interesting dates:

"Lodge No. 3 claims the honor of having (as far as known) the oldest record of the R. A. Degree in this country, its records dating back as far as 1767. In 1795 * * * * * * the R. A. Masons of Pennsylvania succeeded in forming a Grand Chapter subordinate to the Grand Lodge. In 1820 the members of the Grand Chapter endeavored to make the Grand Chapter an Independent body. * * * This movement was opposed by many distinguished Masons. After a series of motions, *pro.* and *con.*, on the 17th day of December, 1824, the Grand Chapter became independent."

In order to lay before the Grand Chapter information relative to Capitular Masonry in Great Britain and Ireland, he proposed numerous questions to "that distinguished Masonic historian, Comp. William James Hughan, of Fruro-Cornwall, England; who kindly furnished answers to the same." This correspondence is of interest to the Masonic student, but too lengthy fo be inserted here.

Their new Constitution goes into effeet at this Communication.

He closes his address as follows:

"Thus beginning a new year, it becomes us as R. A. Masons, upon whose frontlets is inscribed, Holiness to the Lord, to invoke

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the presence and protection of the Omnipotent, Omnicient and Omnipresent Jehovah, that he may be with us at our beginning, middle and ending—that all our doings may tend to his glory and the salvation of our souls. Relying implicitly on Him we need fear no danger."

A principle of Masonic teaching worthy of being often repeated and well cultivated.

The correspondence between M. E. Companion Meyer, and M. E. Companion Hugham, would no doubt be interesting to many of the Companions of our Subordinates if they could be placed in their hands, which can be easily accomplished by giving them space in our printed proceedings.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submit their report on the review of twenty-nine Grand Chapter proceedings. Indiana is not of the number. Their report on correspondence is very short, and principally statistical. Under the head of G. L. of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales, &c., they say:

"In England, from the earliest time, the working of the Mark Degree has never been lost, and has been practiced in distinct and independent Mark Lodges, which have never acknowledged the jurisdiction of either the Craft Grand Lodges of 1717 or 1813, or of the G. R. A. Chapter of 1813."

They report 75 Subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 7,664, and 13 Grand Chaplains.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Comes to us clothed in blue, a pleasant emblem of our Fraternal associations. The matter is well arranged, and we shall investigate it with care, to see what it is, and enjoy its benefits.

The Annual Convocation was held in Charleston, February 13th, A. I., 2402, Comp. James A. Hoyt, M. E. G. H. Priest, presiding. Twenty-seven Subordinates were represented.

The M. E. presented his Address, and as they assembled around their sacred altar to seek the divine favor and benign countenance of our Heavenly Father that their labor may be pleasing in His sight, nor do they forget that gratitude to Him for favors past and present, which is always due from a creature to his Creator. He says:

"It is a source of unmixed gratification to me that entire harmony prevails among the Subordinate Chapters, so far as I am informed, and that naught has arisen during the past year to merit censure or reproof from your presiding officer."

His cautions to the craft, relative to the growth of membership,

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is timely and well spoken. His official acts are noticed, and in his report of the doings of the General Grand Chapter is plainly seen his cordial approbation. He respectfully notices the death of Comp. Isaac T. Martin, Past Grand High Priest of Kentucky, and their Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. He notices the organization of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, and recommends its recognition.

The Grand Secretary, in his report of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, says that he trusts the question relative to the *Past Master's Degree* "will now be at rest."

Companion Henry Buist, P. G. Secretary, presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine near this Grand Chapter. The *New Born* Grand Chapter of West Virginia received a cordial and fraternal recognition. The subject of substitutes was disposed of by resolution similar to that of the G. G. Chapter. The finances of this Grand Body are reported as very low, and to meet the request of the G. G. Chapter, they have laid the required one cent tax per member upon the Subordinate Chapters.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is an able review of the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters. Our own receives due attention, probably by Companion A. T. Smythe. Under the head "District of Columbia," his remarks referring to Comp. J. E. Mason are very pointed. He says of Comp. M. S. Style:

"We find it much the same style as his previous efforts that have been so widely condemed. He gives but a short notice of South Carolina, but in it he says: 'The proceedings came to hand dressed in a coffee-colored cover, that looks as though it had been dug out of the red sea after Pharaoh's hosts had passed over, but the printing of the pamphlet is not so bad.'"

To this his reply is very nearly the true tune. He says:

"We are glad that he found *no mud inside* the proceedings, and regret that we can not return the compliment. We do find in his report many allusions to, and hard speeches about our companions in different sections of the country, which cause us pain. Especially his unprovoked and unjustifiable attack upon the head of our Order in America. * * * * * * *

"This is his last report, and while personally there have been no differences between us, we can not be sorrry at his departure, if his future reports were to be like the past."

In commenting upon Companion Drummond's report on Foreign Correspondence, he presumes Comp. D. somewhat inconsistent in his views expressed on the right of candidates advancing and objected to during the time; but not being certain of his exact

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views, would desire information. There is much of intererst to many in these proceedings, but as we can not give it all, we had better stop just now.

They report thirty-nine Subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 609.

James A. Hoyt, of Anderson, M. E. G. H. P.; Augustine T. Smythe, of Charleston, R. E. Grand Secretary. Comps. A. T. Smythe, Harris Covington and Wilmot G. DeSaussure, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

TENNESSEE.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee held her stated Annual Convocation in Nashville, November 8th, A. D. 1871; M. E. Companion William H. Armstrong, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, in his valuable address, notices his official labors, which have not been few. He was asked, "Can a Chapter under Dispensation exercise discipline," and the circumstances of the case originating this question given. His decision in this case will include all cases and of course make it a general law, and is as follows: "I answered that a Chapter U. D. had a right to discipline its members, and in this instance thought it ought to be done." He also decided that an actual Past Master should take the P. M. Degree in the Chapter previous to being Exalted, and says "the Degrees are not the same, and it is necessary that they should be kept distinct from each other in the Lodge and Chapter." In his views of this Degree, as virtual or actual, he says "that the virtual P. M. can not (as is in some cases attempted) confer on a Master elect what he has not himself, to-wit: the prerogative to preside." In his views thus expressed the Grand Chapter concurred. The General Grand Chapter is respectfully noticed. Of morals, he says:

"In most places I have found the standard high; in others, too much neglected; * * * * and as the law which is to govern every Mason is the great light contained in the Holy Bible, we can not insist too strongly upon moral qualifications among those who are taught never to use the name of Deity but with that reverence which is due from the creature to the Creator. The profane swearer, the drunkard, the libertine and the dramseller have no place, and how much worse is it when such men are placed in official positions, and held up as examples and models. These are those who draw on us reproach and condemnation."

He congratulates the Companions upon the harmony that prevails throughout their Jurisdiction, and says: "Let us thank God

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and take courage. Companions be of good cheer; he that overcometh shall receive a white stone."

The Committee on Appeals report the pleasing progress of—*nothing to do.*

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by the Grand Secretary, prepared by Companion G. S. Blachie, E. Assist. G. Secretary. Under the head of Indiana for 1870, he says: "The Representatives to the G. G. Chapter were instructed to vote for an amendment to the G. Grand Constitution striking therefrom the Degree of P. M." Not quite correct Companion *Blachie.* We have this minute on page 33, printed Proceedings for 1870;

Resolved, That our Indiana Delegates to the approaching Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter be instructed to vote against the proposed amendment to the G. G. Constitution striking therefrom the Degree of P. M.

Of the General Grand Chapter he speaks approvingly, and promises more in the future. They report 90 Chapters, and a membership of 4122. M. E. Companion A. J. Wheeler, of Memphis, G. H. P., and E. John Frizzell, of Nashville, G. Secretary.

TEXAS.

The Twenty-second Annual Convocation was held in Houston, June 12, 1871, Companion S. S. Munger, M. E. Grand High Priest, Presiding. Forty-four Subordinates were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered his well arranged Annual Address. The matter contained in it is chiefly official. Texas Capitular Laws make the using of substitutes by a Subordinate forfeit the Charter. "Somewhat severe for Masonry." There were five new Chapters petitioned for, and Dispensations were issued empowering them to work.

There appears to be some special object for the Grand Teeasurer to keep a separate account of monies collected and disbursed, showing whether it is coin or currency. The Subordinate Chapters are instructed to abandon the practice of charging fees for affiliation.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

An address of great worth, by Companion W. C. Crane, P. G. H. P. of Mississippi, was delivered before the Grand Chapter during her session, from which I would give extracts, but the attempt would so detract from its excellence, and give so little idea of its value, that I leave it entire where it is.

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In the collection of general resolutions is one of 1853, that renders a rejected applicant ineligible, a time to be measured by the number of blackballs cast against him. That profane swearing gambling, and the intemperate use of intoxicating drinks, are unmasonic; and the Subordinate Chapters "are hereby positively instructed not to confer the Chapter Degrees upon any person addicted to either of these vices, he or they being unfit material for the R. A. Temple whose Corner Stone is *Morality*, as taught in the Holy Bible, that Great Light in Masonry." What would Comp. Horner think of living in this jurisdiction? or does he presume the Craft in Texas will wink at the rum-seller, the drunkard-maker, and hail him as a well-fitted, polished block for that Temple, which is to represent the truth as taught in the Great Light of Masonry. They report 95 Chapters, and a membership of 3,268.

Companion J. B. Jones, Coriscana, M. E. Grand High Priest, and Robert Brewster, of Houston, Grand Secretary, were elected.

Companions W. B. Botts, of Houston; M. H. Bowers, of Austin, and R. Brewster, of Houston, are appointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

VERMONT.

This Grand Chapter met in Burlington, June 16, 1871; M. E., E. A. Jewett, G. H. P., presiding; twenty-one Subordinates represented. The G. H. P.'s address includes a Fraternal greeting, grateful acknowledgment to the Supreme G. H. P. for another reunion, and supplication for his protection during this Convocation. Prosperity and peace have accompanied them on their rugged pathway of the year. In refusing to grant a Dispensation to confer degrees short of the regular time, he very wisely remarks:

"Believing that such privileges should be used with great caution, I decline to give the desired permission. Another has well said: 'Masonry seeks no man, but quietly waits to be sought, and he who desires to enjoy the rights, privileges and benefits of Freemasonry, must abide Masons' own time to confer those rights, privileges and benefits upon him.'"

In his history and arguments in reference to the relation of their G. C. to the General Grand Chapter, he shows very clearly that their withdrawal from the G. G. Chapter is untenable; "that no contract can be legally dissolved merely by the will or caprice of one of the parties only." He has appointed eleven Grand Representatives near other Grand Bodies, then closes his address as follows; "By the wisdom of the Supreme High Priest may we be directed, by his

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strength may we be enabled, and by the beauty of virtue may we be incited to perform the duties here enjoined on us."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made their report through Companion Marcy, which was referred to the Committee on the G. H. P.'s address. The Proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters were reviewed; Indiana of 1870 is respectfully noticed.

Squire Marcy does not approve of Companion Hazlerigg's opinion that any officer of a Chapter may at his option resign. Very well, *Squire*, we do not expect all men to think alike. There will be divergencies, and we stand a little nearer to Companion Hazlerigg than Companion Marcy on this question.

Under Iowa, he says: "Companion Taylor, in his review of the District of Columbia, says that Iowa is now a dutiful daughter, but does he not know that she has returned for the avowed purpose of breaking up the entire family. From such dutiful daughters we say, good Lord, deliver us!" Not so fast, Companion M. If we stop to consider that somewhere there is a point within a circle, and embrace the significant teachings, we may rest quietly even if the world beside did not all favor us as we might desire.

Statistical table shows 24 Chapters, with a membership of 1,562. M. E., E. A. Jewett, of Burlington, was elected G. H. P., and E. Companion W. H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, Grand Secretary. Companions G. H. Bigelow, H. Clark and N. P. Bowman were appointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

VIRGINIA.

Their Annual Convocation was held in Richmond, December 13, 1871. Thirty-two Subordinate Chapters were represented. M. E. John P. Little, Grand High Priest, Presided, and delivered a very appropriate address. He takes great pleasure in his labors, and says:

"I find that our branch of the Order is flourishing; the Companions possess true fervency and zeal in carrying out the knowledge of the Chapter Degrees; that the Light is spreading, and that our ritual is closely followed and well taught. During the past twenty years there has been a wonderful revival of R. A. Masonry in Virginia. At the beginning of this period the knowledge of these beautiful degrees was concentrated in a few places, and only possessed by a few persons. I could readily name the half-dozen Masons in our jurisdiction who alone thoroughly possessed this knowledge, while now they may be counted by the hundred. Let this improvement continue; let the Light shine forth."

This is noble enthusiasm, and by a noble heart. Hear him in relation to West Virginia:

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"The most interesting event that has occurred during my term of office has been the establishment of a Grand Chapter for West Virginia. On November 16, 1871, delegates met in Wheeling representing five out of the seven Chapters within the limits of that State, formed a Convention and elected officers for such a Grand Chapter. I was present by invitation, and, as Grand High Priest of Virginia, organized that Grand Chapter and installed its officers. I recommend that beside * * * advising all Chapters within those State limits to connect with this Grand Chapter of West Virginia, two other things be done:

"'*First.* That the Chapters now under Dispensation in West Virginia be permitted, if the Companions desire it, to return their Dispensations and receeive Charters from the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

"'*Secondly.* That the dues of the past year of the several Chapters, which have joined in this new organization, be paid over to the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.'

"It will be but a proper act of courtesy extended to our young Brother. * * * There were many expenses attending this new formation, and of course this beginning is made with an empty treasury."

This was certainly very fraternal.

"I find," he says, "In our border Chapters, some confusion arising from visiting Companions who have not taken the Council Degrees at all, or who have taken them in separate Councils, not acknowledging Chapter authority. If they have never taken them at all, they can not be present during all of our Chapter Work. Our Laws would forbid this. If they have taken them in distinct Councils their own Laws forbid them to sit with us when working in the Council Degrees. I would recommend that this matter be brought to the attention of the various Grand Chapters and Grand Councils in this country, and that a committee be appointed for this purpose, in order that we may all possess uniformity in Chapter work."

The Annual Address, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer matters, and report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence were referred to their appropriate committees. Committees were appointed, several resolutions offered and referred, "then ordered that this Grand Chapter do meet * * * * to-morrow at twelve o'clock in Grand Committee, to take into consideration the proceedings during recess, and such other matters and things as may tend to the good of R. A. Masonry in general, and of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter in particular." How is this? I am at a loss to know whether this Grand Committee was the Grand Chapter that was to meet, or that the Grand Chapter was the Committee. I notice they install by proxy in this jurisdiction.

The report of the Grand Committee was read and confirmed.

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They are about raising capital to build a Masonic Temple. This is in the right direction.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was read and adopted, which was by the Chairman, Companion W. B. Isaacs. This report is simply that the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters had been received, but no review of them; an excuse therefor, pressure of public and private duties, and a respectful request to be relieved from this kind of service, (I don't blame him).

The Committee on the Annual Address reports approvingly of the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest, in the organization of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, and Fraternally welcomes her as a Sister Grand Chapter, and adopts the Grand High Priest's suggestion relative to their assisting their younger sister. I believe Companion J. P. Little calls this newly-born Grand Chapter a brother.

M. E. Robert E. Withers, of Richmond, Grand High Priest, and M. E. John Dove, also of Richmond, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Milwaukee January 16th, 1872. Forty Subordinate Chapters were represented. M. E., Joseph Yates, G. H. P., presided. His Annual Address is in good style, and interesting to the craft, especially in this jurisdiction. He says:

"To God, merciful and gracious, let us lift up our hearts in thankfulness for his goodness to us and ours. Amid the scenes of pleasure, peace and harmony, in which the year has passed, He has not forgotten the sorrowfully suffering Companions in deepest need. The dead departed to their future place of rest, to whose memory he offers a respectful tribute. Nor those painfully bereaved of their loved ones."

Recounting his official acts, he says:

"Following the recommondation of my worthy predecessor, I enjoined on Companion Woodhull (G. Lecturer) the nessity of seeing to it that the ritual should be closely adhered to; that simplicity and solemnity should be studied while conferring the several degrees, especially the Fifth and Seventh, and that they should be so conferred that following close the ritual, a deep and lasting impression should be made on the minds and hearts of candidates passing the Mystic Veil."

A recommendation of vital importance. His discriminations in granting Dispensations is worthy of imitation. Of the General Grand Chapter at Baltimore, he says:

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"The deliberations were of the most interesting nature, and characterized by a spirit of forbearance and brotherly love, which was very pleasing to all its members, and not only augurs well, but compels us to believe that it is now firmly rooted in the affections of the Companions all over the land."

The closing of his earnest supplications in behalf of his Companions represents a heart that has been, is now, and may ever be divinely blessed.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports a review of thirty-six Grand Chapter proceedings, ours very respectfully noticed. Under the head of Alabama, Comp. J. P. C. Cottrill, Chairman of the Committee, notices a decision of the Grand H. P. and approved by the Grand Chapter, to which he dissents, to-wit: "That a Subordinate in one Grand Jurisdiction may give jurisdiction of applicants for degrees to a Subordinate in another Grand Jurisdiction." In his dissent we agree, but he further adds:

"No Masonic body should surrender its material to another body even in the same jurisdiction."

To this I must dissent. I believe it frequently to be not only a great convenience to the candidate, but also to the Subordinates, and circumstances may arise where it would be very desirable, and for the general benefit of the craft. In his views relative to candidates going to another jurisdiction when the black ball has previously been used, I heartily concur.

In reviewing this document, I find much of interest to each and every Companion. In many cases he approves, in some condemns, but in all so courteous, so affable, that none can feel but to admire and love the writer.

Companion Woodhull, Grand Lecturer, has given an able report of his labor, and the condition of R. A. Masonry, in which he reminds us of a laborious and successful worker.

In reference to the advancement of candidates, there is a resolution requiring—

"That the candidate shall not only be able to repeat the obligation, but to give evidence that he understands what it means, and has a proper conception of his Masonic duties under and by virtue thereof."

Upon this subject the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence express their opinion that it is decidedly "a just and salutary regulation, and should be adopted." From the numerous reasons therefor that press upon them, they offer these:

"That the push for a knowledge of the details of Masonry should

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come from the iniate, and be born of a knowledge of the design and scope of Masonry and a just appreciation of the principles, rather than a price for his advancement. That there is manifest danger to the institution in intrusting candidates with the details of the working of the Order before they have demonstrated their capacity and fitnness for being such custodians."

And he adds: "This is Square Work, this is Good Work." Just such as we should feel authorized to receive.

The number of Chapters is 42, with a membership of 2,488.

M. E., C. F. G. Collins, of Beloit, Grand H. P.; R. E., W. T. Palmer, of Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Companions J. P. C. Cottrill, of Milwaukee, E. Enos and D. C. Bush.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Proceedings of this newly organized Grand Chapter comes to us dressed in scarlet, matter well arranged, and the type distinctly pressed on fine fancy-colored paper. In this Communication is a succinct statement of the condition of the Craft, the Memorial of Visitations and action of several Chapters of the State, a tribute of respect for the Grand Chapter of Virginia, and consent of said Grand Chapter.

A Convention of Royal Arch Masons of the State of West Virginia was held in Wheeling, November 16th, A. I. 2041, to take into consideration the propriety of creating a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for said State. Five R. A. Chapters were represented in the Convention; Companion L. A. Luce, of Lebanon Chapter, No. 9, presided. A number of visiting Companions were present, among whom was the M. E. Companion J. P. Little, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia. A majority of Royal Arch Chapters in the State being legally regresented, the Convention proceeded to elect officers to constitute a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, when Companions Thos. H. Logan, M. E. G. H. P.; Frank Kex, R. E. G. K.; L A. Luce, R. E. G. S.; Elijah Day, R. E. G. Tr., and Odell S. Long, R. E. G. Sec,, were severally elected.

The First Grand Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia was begun and held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Wheeling, on the 16th day of November, A. I. 2401, A. L. 5871, A. D. 1871. Five Chapters were represented, and M. E. Thos. H. Logan presided. A Royal Arch Chapter was opened in due form, after which the M. E. J. P. Little, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, was introduced, and received

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with Grand honors, when he proceeded to Consecrate, Constitute and Dedicate the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia, in due and ancient form. He then installed the officers elect and appointed, into their several offices. M. E. Companion J. P. Little delivered a very appropriate and interesting Address. From this I make a few selections:

"All Masonic authority is derived authority, and that from some legitimate source. Your various Chapters having been Subordinate to the Grand Chapter of Virginia, were by it released from their allegiance, and declared virtually independent. As such you have come together, organized this Grand Chapter for West Virginia, and to it you are now subordinate—this body is now sovereign and supreme. Although you have yourselves constituted this Sovereignty, yet remember the duty which, as Chapters, you owe it. That is, respect for the Grand Chapter and its officers, and unqualified obedience to the law as expounded by it. Even if at any time its edicts should appear to any of you unjust, *remonstrate*, but obey. Remember that the first duty of a Mason is obedience to constituted authority to the law and to the officers who expound the law. Do this and you will live. Disregard this guiding principle, and your organization will be like a ship among the breakers, without a rudder, chart or compass."

I perceive he does not forget there is a General Grand Chapter. He says:

"One thing I warn you against, and that is the seductive influences which may induce you to become a member of the General Grand Chapter, for this will be to give up in part, at least, your sovereignty. It will divide your powers, interfere with your work by depriving you of the Council Degrees, and render you a subordinate body."

Further, he says:

"You have been constituted into a Grand Chapter with full authority to organize Chapters which shall confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Select and Royal Masters, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch. These chartered rights can not be taken away except by the unanimous consent of all the Chapters, and this is in accordance with Masonic law. For in every Chapter, Grand or Subordinate, we have to deal with two distinct classes of things—matters of Masonry; matters of business. In matters of business, the majority rule; in matters of Masonry the majority does not rule. There must be unanimity or no law can exist, as one black ball will reject a candidate, although ninety-nine white balls be cast for him. So one dissenting Chapter will prevent a change from being made in so important a matter as whether a Masonic degree shall be conferred or not."

The Virginia Text Book of R. A. Masonry, and the laws, rules, &c., of the Grand Chapter of Virginia were adopted temporarily for their government. This Grand Body will hold their Annual

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Grand Convocatians on the Thursday after the second Monday in November of each year, at Wheeling.

M. E., Thos. H. Logan, of Wheeling, G. H. P.; R. E., Odell S Long, of Wheeling, Grand Secretary.

I have received and enjoyed the special privilege of reviewing the proceedings of thirty-two G. Chapters (of which a portion were for the year of 1871 and a portion for 1872,) containing more than 5,000 pretty closely printed pages of matter. A few of the Grand Chapters have failed to report, and the reports of some came to hand at so late a date as to preclude the possibility of a thorough review. In these cases I have simply given the time and place of holding their Grand Convocations with the names and officers elect, and such information as I could glean by a cursory review of them, to-wit:

Oregon for 1872 was received within the last week. She held her Annual Communication on the 24th of June, A. I., 2402, in Salem, M. E., James R. Bayley, G. H. P., presiding.

The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest was short but comprehensive. He reports harmony as prevailing throughout the Jurisdiction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. T. McF. Patton, and judging from the length of the document, I should think it contained very many good things, but time forbids my attempting to review it.

M. E. Comp. Jas. R. Bayley, was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E., R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary. They report 20 exaltations during the year, with a membership of 190. Amount of Grand Chapter dues collected, $296.

The proceedings of Vermont for 1872 also came to hand within the past week, from which we learn that she held her Annual Communication in the city of Burlington on the 14th day of June, 1872, M. E. Edward A. Jewett, presiding.

In his Address, which is somewhat lengthy, he congratulates the craft on the harmonious and prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry in their Jurisdiction. He devotes a great share of his Address to an obituary notice of P. G. H. P., Brazillai Davenport. He briefly reviews the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and closes his remarks under this head as follows:

"Entire harmony characterized the proceedings throughout, and

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much good was accomplished. The Grand Chapter of Vermont need have do regret for their action last year."

The report of the Committtee on Foreign Correspondence is some like ours was last year, comes up missing. M. E., Edward A. Jewett, of Burlington, G. H. P.; E., W. H. S. Whitcomb, also of Burlington, G. Secretary.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, for 1872, came to hand on Friday, and I have simply time to acknowledge receipt of same. They held their Eleventh Annual Convocation in the city of St. Paul on the 9th day of January, 1872. M. E. G. W. Merrill, G. H. P., presiding. They are also without a report on Foreign Carrespondence.

The following officers were elected: M. E., J. H. McKinney, Grand High Priest, and R. E., W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

REES J. CHESNUTWOOD, *Grand High Priest,*

Ex officio Chairman Commiteee F. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COUNCIL OF HIGH PRIESTS,

OF THE

STATE OF INDIANA.

OCTOBER, 1872.

The Council of High Priests of the State of Indiana, assembled in the Hall of the Grand Chapter, in the City of Indianapolis, on the 22d day of October, 1872:

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. WILLIAM HACKER, President.
E. ROBERT T. KERCHEVAL, as Vice President.
Comp. Rev. JOHN LEACH, Chaplain.
Comp. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
Comp. H. G. HAZELRIGG, Recorder.
Comp. MARTIN H. RICE, Master of Ceremonies.
Comp. ALEXANDER THOMAS, Conductor.
Comp. ROAN CLARK, as Herald.
Comp. CHARLES FISHER, Steward.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.

John M. Bramwell, John Ebert, George H. Fish.

A Council of High Priests was opened in ample form, with solemn and appropriate ceremonies.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

M.·. E.·. Companion Hacker presented the following report:

Companions of the Grand Council of High Priests of the State of Indiana:

As the President of your Grand Council, and by virtue of the power in me vested through her organic law, on the 10th day of June, 1872, I convened a Council of High Priests, at the Hall of Shelby Chapter, No. 20, in the city of Shelbyville, at which time the following named Companions were present:

M.·. E.·. William Hacker, President.
E.·. William F. Green, Vice President.
Comp. W. F. Kirk, Chaplain.
Comp. Eden H. Davis, Master of Ceremonies.
Comp. Jesse K. Jameson, Conductor.
Comp. Henry L. Beale, Herald.
Comp. John A. Young, Steward.

A Council of High Priests was opened in due form, when the Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon Augustus D. Lynch, P. H. P., and Isaac H. Wilson, H. P., of Shelby Chapter, No. 20, who had been previously elected to receive the Order, by your Honorable Body.

There being no expenses attending this meeting of the Council, the fee for the Order thus conferred are herewith paid to your Recorder. WILLIAM HACKER, *President.*

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, accompanied by a certificate of their election to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, were presented by

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Companions Nathan Jones, Cambridge Chapter, No. 9.
Robert VanValzah, Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11.
Frank S. Devol, New Albany Chapter, No. 17.
Andrew H. Hamilton, Fort Wayne Chapter, No. 19.
Elihu S. McIntire, Mitchell Chapter, No. 23.
Simon S. Johnson, Horeb Chapter, No. 66.
Richard Owen, Bloomington Chapter. No. 70.
John M. Ryan, Princeton Chapter, No. 75.
E. R. Huntsinger, Mishawaka Chapter, No. 83.

On motion of Companion Fish the petitions were referred to Companions Alexander Thomas, John Ebert and George H. Fish, who reported favorable, recommending the admission of the petitioners, who, upon a ballot being had, were severally elected to receive the Order.

On motion of Companion Clark the Council was, after prayer by the Chaplain, called from labor till to-morrow at 7 o'clock, P. M

OCTOBER 23, 1872, 7 o'clock P. M.

The Council was called to labor pursuant to order.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.·. E.·. WILLIAM HACKER, President.
E.·. SOL. D. BAYLESS, Vice President.
COMP. REV. JOHN LEACH, Chaplain.
COMP. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
COMP. HARVEY G. HAZELRIGG, Recorder.
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COMP. REUBEN PEDEN, as Herald.
COMP. CHARLES FISHER, Steward.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.

Companions B. F. Aikman, Hiram Alvord, J. V. Bemusdaffer, Hugh Brison, S. W. Burlingame, John V. H. Cassady, Rees J. Chesnutwood, Roan Clark, George H. Fish, Casper Fogel, Joseph Hole, Isaac A. Johnson, Robert T. Kercheval, D. M. McMahan, Roger Parry, Thomas Poe, S. B. Richardson, Edward S. Ross, S. M. Strader, George W. Wilson, I. H. Wilson.

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, accompanied by a certificate that the petitioners had been elected to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, were presented by

Companions James L. Fugit, Greensburg Chapter, No. 8.
John T. Richardson, Delphi Chapter, No. 21.
Legrange Severance, Huntington Chapter, No. 27.
Asa H. Hodson, Muncie Chapter, No. 30.
James H. Burk, Knightstown Chapter, No. 33.
Aaron Gardner, Liberty Chapter, No. 41.
William N. Current, Dunkirk Chapter, No. 43.
Cyrus V. N. Lent, Chester Capter, No. 47.
John C. Morgan, Jerusalem Chapter, No. 81.

Which petitions were referred to a Committee consisting of Companions Peden, Thomas and Johnson, who reported recommending the admission of the applicants. Upon a ballot being had, they were severally declared elected to receive the Order.

The Companions who had been elected to receive the Order, were now introduced, and annointed and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, with solemn and appropriate ceremonies, according to Ancient usage.

Companion Bayless moved that a Committee be appointed to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to Companion Hacker, as an evidence of the appreciation by the Companions of his services as President of the Council of High Priests, which was adopted, and Companions Bayless, Hazelrigg, Fish and Leach were appointed the Committee.

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On motion of Comp. Thomas the Treasurer was directed to retain the funds of the Council in his hands, subject to the order of the Committee on Testimonal.

Receipts and Expenditures.

As fees	$20 00	Paid for Expenses	$1 50
For Diplomas	7 50	Paid to Treasurer	26 00
Total	$27 50	Total	$27 50

The Council was closed in solemn form after prayer by the Chaplain.

H. G. HAZELRIGG, *Recorder.*

WILLIAM HACKER, *President.*

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AMENDMENTS.

AMENDMENTS IN 1867.

RULES.

The Rules for the government of Subordinate Chapters were amended as follows, viz.

1st.—Rules 68 and 69 repealed. [See Report of Committee on Jurisprudence, page 21, Proceedings 1867.]

2d.—Rule 129, amended by striking out the word, "January," and inserting the word, "September."

3d.—Rule 132, amended by striking out the word, "May," and inserting the word, "October." [See pages 17 and 18, Proceedings 1867.]

AMENDMENTS IN 1869.

WHAT REMOVES A PENALTY.

SEC. 204. The payment of all dues for which a member may stand suspended, will restore him to the privileges of the Order as an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason.

SEC. 205. The payment of all dues for which a member may stand expelled, and a vote of a majority of members present at a stated Communication, will restore him to his standing in the Order as an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason.

SEC. 104. A vote to reinstate must also be taken by ballot; and it shall require the same vote to remove a penalty that it does to

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impose it. *Provided*, That it shall require a unanimous vote of the Chapter, at a Stated Communication, to restore to membership any one who may have been suspended or expelled for any cause whatever. [Proceedings 1869, page 40.]

AMENDMENT IN 1871.

REDUCING GRAND CHAPTER DUES.

Resolved, That the dues of Subordinate Chapters to this Grand Chapter, shall hereafter be twenty-five cents for each member, not legally remitted by the Chapter; the exaltation fee of two dollars each, to remain as heretofore. [See Proceedings 1871, page 34.]

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R. E., ALEXANDER THOMAS, of Terre Haute, Dep. G. H. Priest.
R. E., GEORGE H. FISH, of Evansville, Grand King.
R. E., RICHARD OWEN, of Bloomington, Grand Scribe.
R. E., CHARLES FISHER, of Indianapolis, Grand Treasurer.
R. E., JOHN M. BRAMWELL, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.
E., Rev. THOMAS H. LYNCH, of Indianapolis, Gr. Chaplain.
E., REUBEN PEDEN, of Knightstown, Grand C. of the Hosts.
E., ZERA C. THOMAS, of Kendallville, Grand R. A. Captain.
E., WILLIAM M. BLACK, of Indianapolis, Grand Guard.

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The next Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter will be held at the Grand Masonic Hall, in the City of Indianapolis, commencing at two o'clock P. M. on the first Wedesday, succeeding the third Monday in October, A. D. 1873, A. I. 2403, (October 22, 1873.)

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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF THE

STATE OF INDIANA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana assembled in Annual Communication at the Grand Masonic Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, at two o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the 22d day of October, A. D. 1873, A. I. 2403.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. EDEN H. DAVIS, Grand High Priest.
R. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. E. GEORGE H. FISH, Grand King.
R. E. REES J. CHESNUTWOOD, as Grand Scribe.
R. E CHARLES FISHER, Grand Treasurer.
R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, Grand Secretary.
E. REV. THOMAS H. LYNCH, Grand Chaplain.
E. REUBEN PEDEN, Grand Captain of the Hosts.
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PERMANENT MEMBERS.

COMP. SOL. D. BAYLESS, Past Grand High Priest.
COMP. ERASTUS W. H. ELLIS, Past Grand High Priest.
COMP. WILLIAM HACKER, Past Grand High Priest.
COMP. HARVEY G. HAZELRIGG, Past Grand High Priest.
COMP. REES J. CHESNUTWOOD, Past Grand High Priest.
COMP. CALEB SCHMIDLAPP, P. Dep. Grand High Priest.

HONORARY MEMBER.

COMP. JOHN B. ROSE.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

COMP. HARVEY G. HAZELRIGG, of Grand Chapters of Tennessee and Alabama.
COMP. SOL. D. BAYLESS, of Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
COMP. WILLIAM HACKER, of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
COMP. MARTIN H. RICE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
COMP. REES J. CHESNUTWOOD, of Grand Chapters of Mississippi and Illinois.
COMP. LAGRANGE SEVERANCE, of Grand Chapter of Maine.
COMP. CHRISTIAN FETTA, of Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

The Representatives of seventy-six Subordinate Chapters, and a large number of visiting Companions.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in ample and solemn form, when, it appearing that a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters were duly represented, after prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the M. E. Grand High Priest declared the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana duly opened for the dispatch of business.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES,

which was concurred in by the Grand Chapter, to-wit:

On Credentials—Comps. J. M. Bramwell, S. H. Pearse and Zera C. Thomas.

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On Visiting Companions—Comps. Wm. Roach, C. Schmidlapp and L. B. Stockton.

On Charters—Comps. R. VanValzah, John B. Routh and Jas. L. Dunagan.

On Dispensations—Comps. A. P. Charles, B. F. Reagan and Caspar Fogel.

On Grievances and Appeals—Comps. S. B. Richardson, S. S. Johnson and Consider Tinkler.

On Claims—Comps. A. H. Hamilton, Joseph Hole and M. H. Franklin.

On Pay Roll—Comps. G. H. Fish, L. A. Foote and Reuben Peden.

On Jurisprudence—Comps. H. G. Hazelrigg, Wm. Hacker and S. D. Bayless.

On Foreign Correspondence—Comps. E. W. H. Ellis, M. H. Rice and W. W. Austin.

On Unfinished Business—Comps. Philip Rowden, I. B. McDonald and E. S. Hussey.

The M. E. Grand High Priest read and submitted the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

The time for our Annual Communication having arrived, it becomes my constitutional duty to submit for your consideration a report of the acts and doings of your chief executive during the year which is now drawing to a close.

Although I have endeavored to discharge the duties required of me as fully and faithfully as possible, yet it has been a year of great suffering and deep affliction to me. My usual good health has become impaired to such an extent that I have been compelled to retire from all business pursuits whatever, and but for the kind solicitations of our R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest and other personal friends, I should several months since have resigned the high office to which your partiality called me one year since. For this and for other marks of sympathy and brotherly kindness which has so uniformly been shown me by my Companions everywhere, I feel truly grateful indeed, and in return can only invoke upon each and all the choicest blessings of our Great High Priest, in whose hands are the destinies of all things.

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Passing over my own personal condition, permit me to say that it is a source of great congratulation that we are permitted again to meet under such favorable circumstances. The usual good harmony and prosperity that has heretofore attended our labors are still vouchsafed to us. The fearful epidemics that have visited other parts of our common country the past few months have in a measure been withheld from us, and thus far a kind and merciful Providence has protected us from the ravages of the "pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from the destruction that wasteth at noon-day." These are special favors which should raise every heart in grateful acknowledgments to Him that doeth all things well.

The several Chapters to whom Charters were granted at your last Annual Communication were duly constituted and dedicated by Special Deputies appointed for that purpose. The constituting of Seymour Chapter, No. 85, and Centreville Chapter, No. 86, were assigned to our M. E. Past G. H. P. William Hacker; that of Hartford City Chapter, No. 87, to our E. Comp. William D. Mowrer, of Marion, and that of Leavenworth Chapter, No. 88, to our E. Comp. Roan Clark, of Canneleton. These appointments were all made upon the special request of the members of the respective Chapters, and of course must have been satisfactory.

Under date of Nov. 13 I received a report from Comp. Clark that the duties assigned him had been duly "performed on the 12th inst." Under date of December 15th, Comp. Hacker reported that on the 13th he had properly constituted Seymour Chapter, No. 85, and installed their officers, and under date of December 25th he further reported that "on the 19th inst." he had constituted Centreville Chapter, No. 86, and installed their officers. These several reports are herewith presented for the further information of the Grand Chapter. From Comp. Mowrer, appointed to constitute Hartford City Chapter, No. 87, I have received no report, and hence only incidentally learned that the duties assigned him had been performed.

A question of some importance might here properly arise in connection with this matter. Should not the Grand Chapter by special enactment make it the duty of any and every Companion appointed to a specific duty to make due report thereof to the proper authority from whence such appointment came? In no other way, it seems to me, can your executive officers come into possession of that knowledge and information so essentially necessa-

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ry for them to have in order to a faithful discharge of the various duties required at their hands.

The Dispensation for a new Chapter at Kentland, in Newton county, continued at your last Communication, was duly issued, and under date of January 25th Comp. Hacker, as Grand Overseer of the Work, to whom the work of organizing and instructing the Chapter had been assigned by my immediate predecessor, reported that the Chapter had duly organized and commenced work, but under somewhat unfavorable circumstances. Nothing further has reached me from them other than that they are at work endeavoring to overcome the difficulties surrounding them, and if possible make their organization a success. They no doubt need some encouragement, and a little forbearance on the part of the Grand Chapter, and perhaps may thus succeed in the laudable enterprise they have undertaken.

On the 1st of February last I received a petition properly recommended by Randolph Chapter, No. 35, from Comp. William H. Anderson and thirteen others, praying for a Dispensation to organize a Chapter in Union City, Randolph county. Having by investigation become satisfied that Union City was a good location for a Chapter, and that a healthy working Chapter ought to be maintained at that point, on the 10th day of February I authorized the Grand Secretary to make out the Dispensation accordingly, and directed the Grand Overseer to look after the proper organization of the same. Subsequently and before the Dispensation was taken out I learned through the Grand Overseer that there had arisen among the petitioners some misunderstanding in regard to what names should have been attached to the petition, and having been wholly unable by communications addressed to several of the petitioners at different times to obtain any further information in regard to the matter, the order granting the Dispensation was revoked, leaving the petitioners, after a settlement of their difficulty or misunderstanding, to commence, as the lawyers would say, *De novo*.

On the 29th of April a petition signed by Comp. Thomas M. Clarke and nine others properly recommended by Loogootee Chapter, No. 80, praying for a Dispensation to organize a Chapter at Shoals, in Martin county, was received. After some correspondence with Comp. Clarke, and a full investigation of matters connected therewith, on the 12th day of May the Grand Secretary was authorized to issue the Dispensation and the Grand Overseer

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directed to see that the Companions were properly instructed in the work, and their Chapter duly organized so soon as he should be informed that all things were in proper order. I subsequently learned from Comp. Clarke, through the Grand Overseer, that soon after the Dispensation had been granted some unexpected difficulties in regard to a suitable room in which to meet and work had presented themselves, and that the Companions had become somewhat indifferent about the organization of the Chapter, and they had therefore given up the idea of attempting an organization, and thus this matter stands, the Dispensation having now expired by limitation.

Under date of May 17th, a petition for a Chapter at Rochester, in Fulton county, recommended by Plymouth Chapter, No. 49, was received, and after proper investigation authority was given to issue the Dispensation. On the 3d day of September Comp. Hacker informed me that the Chapter had been organized and commenced work, but not under as favorable circumstances as could be desired. Whether these two new Chapters thus organized the past year should, under the circumstances attending their organizations, at this time receive their Charters or be continued for another year under Dispensation in hope that matters may take a more favorable change with them, I leave for the better judgment of the Grand Chapter to determine.

Dispensations for the holding of Special Elections for officers have been granted the past year to the following named Chapters, to-wit: June 3d, to Lebanon Chapter, No, 39; June 27th, to Delphi Chapter, No. 21.

Under date of July 8th I received a communication from Comps. Houser and Ballou, High Priest and Scribe of Peru Chapter, No. 62, stating that their Chapter had been dead for several years, but, as the Grand Chapter had neglected to administer on her estate the members had concluded to revive up the Chapter and go to work, pay all arrearages to the Grand Chapter, and then if die they must, do it honorably. As matters seemed to have taken a favorable turn with them, and being assured that they were in earnest about the matter and would be more faithful and prompt in the future, I authorized them to meet, hold a special election for a new set of officers, and upon the payment of their back dues to the Grand Chapter to resume their labors. This I presume they have done, and hereafter it is to be hoped that we shall have a good and an unbroken report all along the Wabash from Fort Wayne to Mt. Vernon.

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On page 32 of the printed Proceedings of last year, a matter of complaint from Spencer Chapter, No. 77, against Gosport Chapter, No. 61, was referred to the Grand High Priest for such action as he might deem advisable. As no specific matter of grievance was set out in the action of the Grand Chapter, on the 27th of November I addressed a communication to Spencer Chapter, No. 77, requesting a specific statement of their matter of grievance, which was satisfactorily responded to by Comp. Fowler, as H. P. of the Chapter, showing the matter of complaint to be a violation of jurisdiction in several cases, but that he had the assurance from the Representative of Gosport Chapter, No. 61, that if the matter passed it would be settled; if not, however, the claim would be referred to the Grand High Priest for his action, according to the direction of the Grand Chapter. Having heard nothing further from any one in relation to the matter, I presume it is settled satisfactorily to all parties.

As usual, a goodly number of questions, embracing points of law and usage in Royal Arch Masonry, have been submitted for decision or advice, most of which were answered by referring the parties to the laws and decisions of the Grand Chapter already made. A few there were, however, which seemed to raise some new points upon which no decision has yet been reached. These were all so governed by local circumstances that a decision was readily reached by applying to general principles; and as no appeal has been taken from the rulings in these cases, I am led to conclude that they were satisfactory, and perhaps no further notice thereof is at this time necessary.

Under date of December 20, I received a communication from Comp. Elihu M. Parker, Secretary of Centreville Chapter, No. 86, propounding the following interrogatory:

"Under the laws of the Grand Chapter, does the loss of the right foot render a Brother Master Mason inelligible to receive the Chapter degrees?"

This question, involving a matter upon which much diversity of opinion exists, and a similar question, as I find, has been decided in different ways by different jurisdictions, I withheld my decision, and now submit the question for the consideration of the Grand Chapter, where I trust a decision will be had that will be right and satisfactory, and the matter permanently settled, for this jurisdiction at least.

On several occasions I have been solicited to commission Repre-

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sentatives near other Grand Chapters. And although these fancies have been indulged in by my predecessors, under authority of the Grand Chapter, yet upon mature reflection I declined to make any appointments of the kind whatever. This system of exchanging Representatives with other Grand Chapters has now been in practice among the fraternity in the United States for a number of the past years, but what there really is in it, or what benefit has resulted from its use, I am wholly at a loss to perceive. A few names have thus been brought prominently before the fraternity by being reported in our printed Proceedings from year to year as the Representatives of, etc., etc., and this appears to be the whole of it. If anything else has been accomplished by the enterprise, I must confess that I have not been able to see it. If, then, I am correct in my estimate of the matter, might we not now as well refrain from any further indulgencies in this line, and leave it as one of the refined fancies of the age that has fully run its course?

Through the attention of the Grand Secretary I have been put in possession of the printed Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:

New Hampshire, May 14th, 1872.
District of Columbia, May 14th and November 12th, 1872.
Nova Scotia, June 4th, 1872.
Texas, June 10th, 1872.
Nebraska, June 17th, 1872.
Canada, August 14th, 1872.
Ohio, October 1st, 1872.
Missouri, October 10th, 1872.
Kansas, October 14th, 1872.
Iowa, October 16th, 1872.
Connecticut, October 18th, 1872, and May 13th, 1873.
Kentucky, October 21st, 1872.
Illinois, October 24th, 1872.
Tennessee, November 6th, 1872.
Maryland, November 11th, 1872.
Alabama, December 3d, 1872.
Virginia, December 12th, 1872.
Massachusetts, March, to December 27th, 1872.
Pennsylvania, February, to December 27th, 1872.
Michigan, January 1st, 1873.
Wisconsin, January 14th, 1873.
New York, February 4th, 1873.

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Louisiana, February 11th, 1873.
South Carolina, February 11th, 1873.
California, April 8th, 1873.
Georgia, April 30th, 1873.
Maine, May 6th, 1873.
North Carolina, June 2d, 1873.
Delaware, January 15th, 1873.
Vermont, June 13th, 1873.

These all contain much matter valuable and interesting to the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, and it would have been my pleasure, as it is made my duty, to have selected therefrom and presented for your consideration such thoughts and suggestions as would have been both interesting and instructive; but from the failure of my eyesight, as well as from other physical debility, I have been wholly unable to give this part of my duties any consideration, and can therefore only throw myself upon your generosity—as I know I have your sympathy—in this my hour of sore trial and severe affliction.

I have thus, my Companions, endeavored to lay before you such of my official acts and doings as appears worthy of your notice. I have no special suggestions or recommendations at this time to make. The proceedings and rulings of the Grand Chapter have heretofore been usually so full, correct and satisfactory, that there remains but little more to be done, other than to see those laws and decisions carried out. And with the necessary attention to matters of this kind—which I have no doubt will be as fully given for the future as in the past—the prospects before us are both hopeful and encouraging.

I can not close, evidently this my last official act, without returning to my companions of the Grand Chapter my most grateful acknowledgments for the uniform kindness and courtesies which have been bestowed upon me by all during the past seventeen years that I have been associated with you in Grand Chapter. And to our M. E. Comps. Alexander Thomas, Dep. G. H. P., and William Hacker, Grand Overseer of the Work, I am under special obligations for their fraternal sympathy and assistance rendered me the past year. No sooner had the blighting hand of disease fastened upon me than our M. E. Comp. Hacker came promptly forward, and with his assistance I have been enabled to perform the duties of the trust you reposed in me one year since. And, indeed, the laborious duties of the office have all been performed by him, and

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that, too, without the hope of fee or reward; and whatever of success may have attended the administration of your affairs the past year is mainly through the gratuitous labor and attention of our zealous Companion, as before stated.

And now, my Companions, I feel that my work is done. From my present enfeebled condition it would be improper for me to even attempt to preside over your deliberations, not even until the time shall come for you to make choice of him who is to succeed me; and from my advanced age I can scarcely hope to regain health and vigor sufficient to justify me in attempting to take upon myself the performance of any part of the work hereafter. The work that Royal Arch Masonry has to do I feel to say is a great, a glorious work. Its sacred mission is to impress upon the human character the great lessons of civilization, cheering the afflicted wherever found, and scattering broadcast, as it were, with an unsparing hand, the glorious principles of a higher moral philosophy. And, my Companions, let us all most devoutly pray that the Holy One of Israel may be pleased to so order it in all things that our future success may be more glorious than the past.

EDEN H. DAVIS,
Grand High Priest.

On motion of P. G. H. Priest William Hacker it was

Resolved, That the Annual Address submitted by M. E. Eden H. Davis, Grand High Priest, be referred to a select committee for reference of its several subjects to appropriate committees

And thereupon Comps. Hacker, Rice and Austin were appointed said committee.

REPORTS OF GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary each submitted their annual reports, which were read and referred to the Committee on Claims, as follows, to-wit:

Grand Treasurer's Report.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana:

Your Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the

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receipts and expenditures of the Grand Chapter for the year ending October 21st, 1873:

RECEIPTS.

1872.		
Oct. 19.	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer	$ 4,314 88
Nov. 5.	Rec'd of Gr. Sec'y, Grand Chapter revenue	105 75
1873.		
June 20.	" " " Loan to Gr. Lodge refunded	5,500 00
"	" " " Interest on loan	401 50
Sept. 18.	" " " Grand Chapter revenue	500 00
" 24.	" " " " " "	220 50
Oct. 3.	" " " " " "	276 00
" 8.	" " " " " "	249 25
" 13.	" " " " " "	178 50
" 20.	" " " " " "	581 08
	Total receipts to October 21st, 1873	12,327 46

EXPENDITURES.

I claim credit for the payment of Warrants drawn on me from No. 1. to No. 21, and for the purposes named below:

On account of	Grand Chapter appropriations	$ 243 00
" " "	Pay Roll of 1872	1,271 00
" " "	Printing	436 50
" " "	Grand Secretary's salary	500 00
" " "	Blank Books and Stationery	29 56
" " "	Postage	79 70
" " "	Incidental expenses	10 30
" " "	Library	13 20
" " "	Grand Treasurer's percentage	50 25
	Total expenditures	$ 2,633 51
	Balance in the hands of Treasurer, Oct. 21st, 1873	9,693 95
		$12,327 46

The foregoing report, together with the books, vouchers and papers are most respectfully submitted.

CHARLES FISHER,
Grand Treasurer.

October 21st, 1873.

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Grand Secretary's Report.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 21, 1873.

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana:

The Grand Secretary submits the following report of receipts and disbursements in the last year, to-wit:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Grand Treasury Oct. 21, 1872		$4,314 88
On account of Dispensation issued	$90 00	
" " " Grand Chapter Dues, 1871	11 00	
" " " Interest on Loan to Grand Lodge	401 50	
" " " Grand Chapter Dues, 1872	319 75	
" " " " " " 1873	1,555 85	
" " " Loan to Grand Lodge refunded	5,500 00	
" " " Dr. P. G. C. Hunt, former Grand Treasurer, balance in full	134 48	
		$8,012 58
Total receipts		$12,327 46

DISBURSEMENTS.

Grand Chapter Appropriations	$243 00	
Printing	436 50	
Pay Roll, 1872	1,271 00	
Postage	79 70	
Blank Books and Stationery	29 56	
Grand Secretary's Salary	500 00	
Incidental Expenses	10 30	
Library, Binding Proceedings	13 20	
Grand Treasurer's Percentage	50 25	
		$2,633 51
Balance in Grand Treasury		$9,693 95

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BRAMWELL,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of Comp. Ross it was

Resolved, That all matters proper to be considered by any of the Standing Committees be so referred without reading.

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LETTER FROM COMP. DR. RICHARD OWEN, GRAND SCRIBE.

The Grand Secretary read and submitted a communication addressed to the Grand Chapter from R. E. Dr. Richard Owen, Grand Scribe, accounting for his absence at this Annual Communication, and moved its reference to a select committee consisting of Comps. Lucien A. Foote, Robert VanValzah and Edward S. Ross, which was adopted.

REFERRING ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Comp. Hacker submitted the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Address of our M. E. Grand High Priest submit the following report:

1. That so much of said address as relates to Dispensations issued to organize new Chapters be referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

2. That so much as relates to the question submitted from Comp. Parker, of Centreville Chapter, No. 86, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

3. That so much as relates to the present condition of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, and the affliction of our M. E. Grand High Priest in the past year be referred to a Select Committee.

4. That so much as relates to Foreign Correspondence be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HACKER,
MARTIN H. RICE,
WILLIAM W. AUSTIN,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

PETITION OF COMP. WILLIAM HAINES.

The Grand Secretary read and submitted the following:

NOBLE, ILL., Oct. 16th, 1873.

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana:

DEAR FRIENDS AND BRETHREN—The undersigned petitioner humbly prays your Grand Body to restore him to membership in Royal

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Arch Masonry. This petition is made in consequence of having been expelled by Westfield Lodge, No. 115, Nov. 28th, 1857. My name seems to have been dropped by Noblesville Chapter, No. 14, and that on the 17th of August, 1872, I was restored to membership by Westfield Lodge, No. 115, F. and A. M., and am at this time a member of Noble Lodge, No. 362, F. and A. M., Noble, Ill.

Fraternally yours,

WM. HAINES.

Which, on motion of Comp. Hazelrigg, was referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

PETITION TO CHANGE LOCATION OF McCORDSVILLE CHAPTER, NO. 44.

The Grand Secretary read and submitted a petition of officers and members of McCordsville Chapter, No. 44, numbering twenty-six in all, asking that for the convenience of the Companions of that Chapter, and for the reason that they are completing a more convenient and better Hall, the location of their said Chapter be changed from Oakland, in Marion county, to McCordsville, in Hancock county, which, on motion of Comp. Rice, was referred to the Committee on Charters.

REPRESENTATIVE OF PERU CHAPTER, NO. 62.

The Grand Secretary, at the request of the Comp. now present and prepared to represent Peru Chapter, No. 62, stated that the Comp. found himself unable to do so for the reason that by some misunderstanding unknown to him, the Secretary of said Peru Chapter, No. 62, had failed or omitted to make proper return, and pay the Grand Chapter dues for the year ending August 31, 1873. Whereupon, on motion of Comp. Hazelrigg, it was

Resolved, That the name of the Comp. be entered by the Committee on Credentials in their forthcoming report, and that he be and is hereby entitled to a seat in the Grand Chapter as the Representative of the said Peru Chapter, No. 62.

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ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

On motion of Comp. Hacker the Grand Chapter proceeded to ballot for Grand officers for the ensuing year Comps. Robert J. Shaw and Robert VanValzah acting as tellers, who, after receiving and counting the ballots, announced the following Companions as having received a majority of all the votes cast, who were severally declared duly elected, to-wit:

M. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, of Terre Haute, Grand High Priest.
R. E. GEORGE H FISH, of Evansville, Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. E. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, of Crawfordsville, Grand King.
R. E. REUBEN PEDEN, of Knightstown, Grand Scribe.
R. E. CHARLES FISHER, of Indianapolis, Grand Treasurer.
R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

R. E. Alexander Thomas, the Grand High Priest elect, announced the appointment of the following

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

Which was concurred in by the Grand Chapter, to-wit:

Comp. Rev. THOMAS H. LYNCH, of Indianapolis, Grand Chaplain.
Comp. SIMEON S. JOHNSON, of Jeffersonville, G. C. of the Hosts.
Comp. ORVILLE H. BRUSIE, of South Bend, G. R. A. Captain.
Comp. WILLIAM M. BLACK, of Indianapolis, Grand Guard.

And then the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

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WEDNESDAY, October 23d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

After prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor; present the same Grand officers, members and Representatives as on yesterday.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

Comp. VanValzah submitted the following:

By-Laws of Anderson Chapter, No. 52.

Your Committee have examined the By-Laws of Anderson Chapter, No. 52, and make the following corrections to make them conform to the regulations of the Grand Chapter: Strike out entire Sec. 2 of Art. IV, which provides for conferring the several degrees on ministers of the Gospel free of charge, it being in conflict with Sec. 121 of Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters, which provides that the several Degrees shall not be conferred for a less sum than twenty dollars. Also, in Sec. 3, Art. VI, strike out the words, "Or more." With these corrections we recommend their approval.

McCordsville Chapter, No. 44—Location Changed.

The Committee on Charters to whom was referred the petition of the Companions of McCordsville Chapter, No. 44, asking the privilege of changing the place of holding their meetings from Oakland, Marion county, to McCordsville, Hancock county, recommend that the request be granted.

R. VAN VALZAH,
J. B. ROUTH,
JAS. L. DUNAGAN,
Committee,

Which were severally concurred in.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 22, 1873.

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana:

The Committee on Credentials submit the following, showing the names of duly authorized Representatives of Subordinate Chapters in the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter, October 22d, 1873:

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	DUES PAID.	DUES UNPAID.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
1	Madison	15 25		Caleb Schmidlapp, proxy.
2	Logan	45 75		S. B Richardson.
3	LaFayette	35 50		Consider Tinkler.
4	King Solomon's	40 75		W. W. Austin.
5	Indianapolis	58 25		John Ebert.
6	Keystone	39 50		Martin H. Rice, proxy.
7	Vincennes			
8	Greensburgh	11 25		James L. Fugit, proxy.
9	Cambridge	35 50		M. H. Franklin.
10	Columbus	39 25		Dewitt C. Hamilton.
11	Terre Haute	83 50		R. VanValzah.
12	Evansville	40 25		G. H. Fish.
13	Aurora	11 75		Thos. J Baily, proxy.
14	Noblesville	7 25		C. B. Williams, 2d day.
15	LaPorte	32 00		Geo. M. Dakin.
16	Brookville	9 25		Casper Fogel.
17	New Albany	20 75		John J. Finn, proxy.
18	Maxwell	17 00		
19	Fort Wayne	57 25		Andrew H. Hamilton.
20	Shelby	25 50		William Hacker, proxy.
21	Delphi	6 50		John T. Richardson, pr.
22	Green Castle	23 75		Henry A. Day.
23	Mitchell	17 50		Francis M. Lemon.
24	Rush	14 25		Thomas Poe, proxy.
25	Michigan City	19 50		W. R. Godfrey, 2d day.
26	Wabash	10 00		Edward S Ross.
27	Huntington	21 50		La Grange Severance.
29	South Bend	57 50		O. H. Brusie.
30	Muncie	55 75		Asa H. Hodson.
31	Kokomo	21 00	25	C. Richmond.
32	Milan	22 00		S. W. Burlingame.
33	Knightstown	28 50		B. F. Reagan.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS—CONTINUED.

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	DUES PAID.	DUES UNPAID.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
34	Hacker			
35	Randolph	10 25		John B. Routh, proxy.
36	LaGrange	17 50		A. W. Clark, proxy.
37	Parke			
38	Salem	15 00		D. W. C. Thomas, proxy.
39	Lebanon	12 50		John M. Atkinson.
40	Crawfordsville	30 00		L. A. Foote.
41	Liberty	3 00		A. G. Gardiner.
42	Noble County	11 75		
43	Dunkirk	18 35	15	Wm. N. Current.
44	McCordsville	8 50		E. H. McCord, proxy.
45	Goshen	26 25		E. W. H. Ellis.
46	Danville	15 00		Thomas N. Jones.
47	Chester	6 00	50	Clark Williams.
48	Warsaw	28 75		
49	Plymouth	20 50		Daniel McDonald, proxy.
50	New Castle	24 50		James M. Mowrer.
51	Pendleton	14 50		B. F. Amon.
52	Anderson	30 50		Wm. Roach, proxy.
53	Lincoln	18 50		Wm. Krimbill.
54	Columbia City	11 25		Isaiah B. McDonald, pr.
55	Marion	34 50		S. B. Beshore.
56	Lawrenceburg	8 50		Boaz Bell, proxy.
57	Rockport	8 75		John A. Miller, proxy.
58	Angola	8 00		O. W. Parish.
59	Brazil			Edward S. Hussey.
60	Clarksburg	6 00		Hugh Brison.
61	Gosport	21 25		James L. Dunagan.
62	Peru			Orlando Harlan, proxy.
63	William Hacker	8 25		R. D. Tefft, proxy.
64	Kendallville	26 50		John L. Gallup, proxy.
65	Franklin	39 25	2 00	B. Peter, proxy.
66	Horeb	20 00		Simeon S. Johnson.
67	Jay			
68	Vernon	4 75		Joseph Hole.
69	Beharrell	7 75		
70	Bloomington	7 25		J. G. McPheeters, 2d day.
71	Oceola	14 00		Orson O. Thwing.
72	Cannelton	5 00		E. E. Drumb.
73	Mt. Vernon	5 25		S. H. Pearse.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS—CONTINUED.

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	DUES PAID.	DUES UNPAID.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
74	Westfield			
75	Princeton	16 00	50	John M. Ryan.
76	Warrick	6 00		Wm. J. Hargrave, proxy.
77	Spencer	12 50		Inman H. Fowler.
78	Plainfield	14 50		Isaac A. Johnson.
79	Valparaiso	12 50		
80	Loogootee	6 75		J. B. Love, proxy.
81	Jerusalem	30 00		
82	Clinton	18 50		Perry W. Gard.
83	Mishawaka	8 25		
84	Bloomfield			
85	Seymour	11 50		Albert P. Charles.
86	Centreville	9 50		Calvin B. Walker.
87	Hartford City	20 00		Simon Lecklider.
88	Leavenworth	23 50		E. R. Hawn.
U. D.	Kentland	10 00		M. L. Humston, proxy.
U. D.	Rochester			Phillip Rowden.

JOHN M. BRAMWELL,
S. H. PEARSE,
Z. C. THOMAS,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOGNIZED.

The following Companions, holding properly authenticated certificates of appointment as Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Indiana, were duly recognized and invited to seats in our Grand Chapter as such Grand Representatives, to-wit:

Comp. LaGrange Severance, of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

Comp. Christian Fetta, of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut; and

Comp. Rees J. Chesnutwood, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Comp. Charles submitted the following:

Kentland Chapter, No. 89.

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the records and by-laws of Kentland Chapter, U. D., respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them well kept, and the by-laws in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, that a Charter be granted the Companions at Kentland, in Newton county, by the name of Kentland Chapter, No. 89, and that Comp. Peter H. Ward be appointed High Priest, Comp. J. H. Hatch, King, and Comp. Gilbert Goff Scribe of said Chapter.

Rochester Chapter, No. 90.

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the records and by-laws of Rochester Chapter, U. D., respectfully report that they have examined the same and find the records neatly kept, and the by-laws in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and therefore offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted the Companions at Rochester, in Newton county, by the name of Rochester Chapter, No. 90, and that Comp. Phillip Rowden be appointed High Priest, Comp. Christopher F. Harter, King, and Hartley B. Boswell Scribe of said Chapter.

A. P. CHARLES,
B. F. REAGAN,
CASPAR FOGEL,
Committee.

Which were severally concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Comp. Richardson submitted the following:

Comp. William Haines Restored.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, to whom was referred the case of Comp. Wm. Haines, of Noble, Illinois, who was

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expelled by Westfield Lodge, No. 115, November 28, 1857, and pending said expulsion was dropped from the register by Noblesville Chapter, No. 14, of this Grand Jurisdiction; and that on the 17th of August, 1872, he was restored by Westfield Lodge, No. 115, to all the rights and privileges of Masonry, the said Noblesville Chapter, No. 14, in the meantime having surrendered her Charter. Therefore your Committee recommend that Comp. Wm. Haines be restored to fellowship as a Companion Royal Arch Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish the Companion a certificate of such restoration.

S. B. RICHARDSON,
S. S. JOHNSON,
C. TINKLER,
Committee.

Which was concurred in and the certificate ordered to be forwarded by the Grand Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Comp. Hole submitted the following:

On Reports of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Your Committee on claims beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the Annual Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, their books and vouchers, and find them correct, and recommend the publication of the Annual Reports of these officers with the proceedings of this Grand Body.

A. H. HAMILTON,
M. H. FRANKLIN,
JOSEPH HOLE,
Committee.

Comp. Franklin submitted the following:

Allowances.

Your Committee on Claims recommend an allowance of twenty dollars to Comp. Wm. M. Black for extra services as Grand Guard during the present session of the Grand Chapter; M. E. Eden H. Davis, Grand High Priest, for time and expenses the last year, the

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sum of fifty dollars; and Comp. William M. Black, for washing aprons for use of Grand Chapter, the sum of six dollars.

A. H. HAMILTON,
M. H. FRANKLIN,
JOSEPH HOLE,
Committee.

Which were severally concurred in and the allowances ordered to be paid.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL.

Comp. Foote submitted the following, which was concurred in:

INDIANAPOLIS, October 23, 1873.

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana:

The Committee on Pay Roll submits the following allowances of mileage and per diem to members of the Grand Chapter at the present Annual Communication, and recommend that a warrant be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the aggregate amount thereof:

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL.

GRAND OFFICERS.	RESIDENCE.	No. of Miles.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
Grand High Priest	Shelbyville	26	$2 60	2	$6 00	$8 60	Eden H. Davis.
Deputy Grand High Priest	Terre Haute	75	7 50	2	6 00	13 50	A. Thomas.
Grand King	Evansville			2	6 00	6 00	Geo. H. Fish.
Grand Scribe							
Grand Treasurer	Indianapolis			2	6 00	6 00	Chas. Fisher.
Grand Secretary	Indianapolis			2	6 00	6 00	John M. Bramwell.
Grand Chaplain	Indianapolis			2	6 00	6 00	Thomas H. Lynch.
Grand Captain of the Hosts	Knightstown	35	3 50	2	6 00	9 50	R. Peden.
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Kendallville	154	15 40	2	6 00	21 40	Zera C. Thomas.
Grand Guard	Indianapolis			2	6 00	6 00	Wm. M. Black.
PERMANENT MEMBERS.							
Sol. D. Bayless, P. G. H. P.	Fort Wayne			2	6 00	6 00	S. D. Bayless.
E. W. H. Ellis, P. G. H. P.	Goshen						
Harvey G. Hazelrigg, P. G. H. P.	Lebanon	33	3 30	2	6 00	9 30	H. G. Hazelrigg.
L. B. Stockton, P. G. S.	Lafayette	64	6 40	2	6 00	12 40	
Caleb Schmidlapp, P. D. G. H. P.	Madison						
R. J. Chesnutwood, P. G. H. P.	South Bend	176	17 60	2	6 00	23 60	R. J. Chesnutwood.
HONORARY MEMBERS.							
John Leach	New Carlisle	162			6 00	6 00	John Leach.
John B. Rose	Wabash	88	8 80	2	6 00	14 80	John B. Rose.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL—CONTINUED.

No.	CHAPTER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	No. of Miles.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
1	Madison	Madison	Jefferson	86	8 60	2	$ 6 00	$ 14 60	Caleb Schmidlapp.
2	Logan	Logansport	Cass	77	7 70	2	6 00	13 70	S. B. Richardson
3	LaFayette	LaFayette	Tippecanoe	64	6 40	2	6 00	12 40	C. Tinkler.
4	King Solomon's	Richmond	Wayne	69	6 90	2	6 00	12 90	W. W. Austin.
5	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Marion	...	...	2	6 00	6 00	John Ebert.
6	Keystone	Indianapolis	Marion	...	...	2	6 00	6 00	Martin H. Rice.
7	Vincennes	Vincennes	Knox	117	...	...	...	...	
8	Greensburgh	Greensburgh	Decatur	48	4 80	1	3 00	7 80	James L. Fugit.
9	Cambridge	Cambridge City	Wayne	54	5 40	2	6 00	11 40	M. H. Franklin.
10	Columbus	Columbus	Bartholomew	41	4 10	2	6 00	10 10	DeWitt C. Hamilton.
11	Terre Haute	Terre Haute	Vigo	73	7 30	2	6 00	13 30	R. VanValzah.
12	Evansville	Evansville	Vanderburgh	182	...	...	...	...	Pd. as Grand officer.
13	Aurora	Aurora	Dearborn	107	10 70	2	6 00	16 70	Thos. J. Bailey.
14	Noblesville	Noblesville	Hamilton	22	2 20	1	3 00	5 20	
15	LaPorte	LaPorte	LaPorte	148	14 80	2	6 00	20 80	Geo. M. Dakin.
16	Brookville	Brookville	Franklin	90	9 00	2	6 00	15 00	Caspar Fogel.
17	New Albany	New Albany	Floyd	114	11 40	2	6 00	17 40	John J. Finn.
18	Maxwell	Connersville	Fayette	66	6 60	2	6 00	12 60	
19	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	Allen	...	...	2	6 00	6 00	A. H. Hamilton.
20	Shelby	Shelbyville	Shelby	26	2 60	2	6 00	8 60	William Hacker.
21	Delphi	Delphi	Carroll	82	8 20	2	6 00	14 20	J. T. Richardson.

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22	Green Castle.....	Green Castle.....	Putnam	40	4 00	2	$ 6 00	$ 10 00	Henry A. Day.
23	Mitchell	Mitchell.....	Lawrence	110	11 00	2	6 00	17 00	T. M. Lines.
24	Rush.....	Rushville	Rush	36	3 60	2	6 00	9 60	Thomas Poe.
25	Michigan City...	Michigan City...	LaPorte	156	15 60	1	3 00	18 60	W.R. Godfrey.
26	Wabash	Wabash	Wabash	88	8 80	2	6 00	14 80	E. S. Ross.
27	Huntington	Huntington	Huntington	108	10 80	2	6 00	16 80	LaGrange Severance.
29	South Bend.....	South Bend.....	St. Joseph.....	176	17 60	2	6 00	23 60	O. H. Brusie.
30	Muncie.....	Muncie.....	Delaware.....	54	5 40	2	6 00	11 40	Asa H. Hodson.
31	Kokomo	Kokomo	Howard.....	54	5 40	2	6 00	11 40	C. Richmond.
32	Milan	Moore's Hill.....	Dearborn.....	100	10 00	2	6 00	16 00	S. W. Burlingame.
33	Knightstown....	Knightstown....	Henry	35	3 50	2	6 00	9 50	B. F. Reagan.
34	Hacker.....	Bedford	Lawrence.....	110	.....	...	.....	.....	
35	Randolph	Winchester	Randolph	75	7 50	2	6 00	13 50	J. B. Routh.
36	LaGrange	LaGrange	LaGrange	174	17 40	2	6 00	23 40	H. W. Clark.
37	Parke	Rockville	Parke.....	72	.....	...	.....	.....	
38	Salem.....	Salem.....	Washington	140	14 00	2	6 00	20 00	D. W. C. Thomas.
39	Lebanon	Lebanon	Boone.....	28	2 80	2	6 00	8 80	John M. Atkinson.
40	Crawfordsville..	Crawfordsville..	Montgomery ...	44	4 40	2	6 00	10 40	L. A. Foote.
41	Liberty	Liberty.....	Union.....	75	7 50	2	6 00	13 50	A. G. Gardner.
42	Noble County...	Ligonier	Noble	175	.....	...	.....	.....	
43	Dunkirk	Dunkirk	Jay	108	10 80	2	6 00	16 80	Wm. A. Current.
44	McCordsville ...	Oaklandon.....	Marion,.....	14	1 40	2	6 00	7 40	E. H. McCord.
45	Goshen.....	Goshen.....	Elkhart.....	160	16 00	2	6 00	22 00	E. W. H. Ellis.
46	Danville	Danville.....	Hendricks	25	2 50	2	6 00	8 50	Thos. N. Jones.
47	Chester.....	N. Manchester..	Wabash	108	10 80	2	6 00	16 80	C. Williams.
48	Warsaw	Warsaw	Kosciusko	140	.....	...	.....	.....	
49	Plymouth	Plymouth.....	Marshall	118	11 80	2	6 00	17 80	D. McDonald.
50	New Castle.....	New Castle	Henry	50	5 00	2	6 00	11 00	James M. Mowrer.
51	Pendleton.....	Pendleton.....	Madison.....	28	2 80	2	6 00	8 80	B. F. Aimon.
52	Anderson	Anderson.....	Madison.....	40	4 00	2	6 00	10 00	Wm. Roach.
53	Lincoln	Crown Point.....	Lake.....	153	15 30	2	6 00	21 30	Wm. Krimbill.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL—CONTINUED.

No.	CHAPTER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	No. of Miles.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
54	Columbia City...	Columbia City...	Whitley.....	125	12 50	1	3 00	15 50	I. B. McDonald.
55	Marion.....	Marion	Grant	100	10 00	2	6 00	16 00	S. B. Beshore.
56	Lawrenceburgh	Lawrenceburgh	Dearborn.....	90	9 00	2	6 00	15 00	Boaz Bell.
57	Rockport.....	Rockport.....	Spencer	232	23 20	2	6 00	29 20	John A. Miller.
58	Angola.....	Angola.....	Steuben	170	17 00	2	6 00	23 00	O. W. Parish.
59	Brazil.....	Brazil.....	Clay	55	5 50	2	6 00	11 50	E. S. Hussey.
60	Clarksburg	Clarksburg	Decatur	58	5 80	2	6 00	11 80	Hugh Brison.
61	Gosport	Gosport	Owen	65	6 50	2	6 00	12 50	Jas. L. Dunagan.
62	Peru.....	Peru.....	Miami	75	7 50	2	6 00	13 50	O. Harlan.
63	William Hacker	Waterloo.....	DeKalb	154	15 40	2	6 00	21 40	R. D. Tefft.
64	Kendallville....	Kendallville ...	Noble.....	154	15 40	2	6 00	21 40	J. L. Gallup.
65	Franklin	Franklin	Johnson.....	20	2 00	2	6 00	8 00	B. Peter.
66	Horeb.....	Jeffersonville ...	Clark	108	10 80	2	6 00	16 80	S. S. Johnson.
67	Jay	Portland.....	Jay	123	.....	...	.....	.....	
68	Vernon	Vernon	Jennings.....	70	7 00	2	6 00	13 00	Joseph Hole.
69	Beharrell.....	Florence	Switzerland.....	135	.....	...	.....	.....	
70	Bloomington ...	Bloomington ..	Monroe	80	8 00	1	3 00	11 00	Jos. G. McPheeters,
71	Oceola	Martinsville.....	Morgan	26	2 60	2	6 00	8 60	O. O. Thwing.
72	Cannelton	Cannelton.....	Perry	238	23 80	2	6 00	29 80	E. E. Donnell.
73	Mount Vernon..	Mount Vernon..	Posey	200	20 00	2	6 00	26 00	S. H. Pearse.
74	Westfield.....	Westfield.....	Hamilton	27	.....	...	.....	.....	

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75	Princeton	Princeton	Gibson	155	$ 15 50	2	$ 6 00	$ 21 50	J. M. Ryan.
76	Warrick	Boonville	Warrick	197	19 70	2	6 00	25 70	W. J. Hargrave.
77	Spencer	Spencer	Owen	73	7 30	2	6 00	13 30	I. H. Fowler
78	Plainfield	Plainfield	Hendricks	14	1 40	2	6 00	7 40	I. A. Johnson.
79	Valparaiso	Valparaiso	Porter	148					
80	Loogootee	Loogootee	Martin	95	9 50	2	6 00	15 50	J. B. Love.
81	Jerusalem	Sullivan	Sullivan	100					
82	Clinton	Frankfort	Clinton	53	5 30	2	6 00	11 30	P. W. Gard.
83	Mishawaka	Mishawaka	St. Joseph	180					
84	Bloomfield	Bloomfield	Greene	80					
85	Seymour	Seymour	Jackson	59	5 90	2	6 00	11 90	A. P. Charles.
86	Centreville	Centreville	Wayne	62	6 20	2	6 00	12 20	C. B Walker.
87*	Hartford City	Hartford City	Blackford	74	7 40	2	6 00	13 40	Simon J. Lecklider.
88	Leavenworth	Leavenworth	Crawford	174	17 40	2	6 00	23 40	E. R. Hawn.
U. D.	Kentland	Kentland	Newton	120	12 00	2	6 00	18 00	M. L. Humston.
U. D.	Rochester	Rochester	Fulton	99	9 90	2	6 00	15 90	P. Rowden.
					$731 00		$531 00	$1262 00	

GEO. H. FISH,
LUCIEN A. FOOTE,
REUBEN PEDEN,
Committee.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Eligibility of Applicant for Degrees.

The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred so much of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address as relates to the following question, to-wit: "Does the loss of the right foot render a Brother Master Mason ineligible to receive the Chapter degrees?" having given the subject referred to them as much thought as time will allow, now offer the following report: That upon examination we find the only Law the Grand Chapter has made on this subject is found in sections 86 and 87 of the Rules for the government of Subordinate Chapters. Your Committee think that upon a fair and liberal construction of the Law as here laid down, perhaps the simple loss of the right foot does not render a Master Mason ineligible to receive the Chapter degrees, as there is nothing in our ceremonies he might not perhaps comply with in each particular. But your Committee think there may be a question behind all this, and which is more than likely the real question in this case. Whether this be so or not, your Committee think the whole matter connected with this subject had as well be fully decided by the Grand Chapter, and our laws and rulings upon the subject of "Eligibility of Petitioners" made more plain and definite than they now are. Does the Law of Ancient Craft Masonry in regard to physical defect prevail in Capitular Masonry, and to an equal extent? This question, your Committee for want of time and opportunity to consult the authorities upon the subject, are unable to arrive at any definite conclusion, and can therefore only recommend that the subject matter of this report be laid over until the next Annual Communication, and that your Committee have until that time to consult the authorities, as also the rulings of other Grand Chapters upon this subject, when no doubt a report, satisfactory to your Committee at least, may be had.

H. G. HAZELRIGG,
WILLIAM HACKER,
SOL. D. BAYLESS,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Want of Report on F. C.

Comp. Ellis submitted the following:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom was re-

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ferred so much of the Address of the M. E. G. H. P. as refers to his inability, in consequence of ill-health, to prepare the usual report on Foreign Correspondence, report:

That in their opinion it is, in all cases of disability from whatever cause, the duty, as well as the privilege, of the presiding officer to select and designate some suitable Companion to discharge that duty, so that the Companions throughout our jurisdiction shall not be deprived of the pleasure and profit to be derived from such report. The Committee make no reflection upon the case herein referred to, as our M. E. G. H. P. for the past year has our deepest sympathies in his afflictions, but simply desire to guard against any future failures.

E. W. H. Ellis,
Martin H. Rice,
W. W. Austin,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE,

On Communication from R. E. Richard Owen.

Comp. Foote submitted the following:

Your Committee to whom was referred the communication of R. E. Richard Owen, Grand Scribe, offer the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter sympathize with R. E. Richard Owen in his family affliction, and regret his necessary absence from our present Communication.

L. A. Foote,
Robert VanValzah,
E. S. Ross,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Condition of Capitular Masonry, etc.

Comp. Leach submitted the following:

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand High Priest's address as relates to the eminently prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year, and to the allusions made to his severe affliction, and the

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prompt aid rendered by D. G. H. P. Alex. Thomas, and P. G. H. P. Comp. Wm. Hacker, submit the following report:

Your Committee rejoice at the increased prosperity of the Order during the past year, and the almost unparalleled harmony and high-toned fraternal feeling that prevails throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, and while our esteemed Grand High Priest claims none of this for himself, but gives it all to another, we must be permitted to say that we believe a large share of the character and efficiency of any institution depends upon the uniform and established good character of the one placed at its head, though the active labor be performed by another; we would further say, that we are more than pleased with the true fraternal spirit expressed in the last paragraph of his address, and the devout prayer offered that the Holy One of Israel be pleased to so order it in all things that the future success may be more glorious than the past.

We would say that the timely aid of P G. H. P. Comp. Wm. Hacker, rendered without the hope of fee or reward, except that reward the Grand High Priest above gives to all who, like him, are "always ready for every good word and work," we therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That as a Grand Body and as individual Companions, we deeply sympathise with our esteemed G. H. P. Comp. Eden H. Davis, who for the last seventeen years has shown his untiring devotion to Ancient Craft and Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that we will ever pray that he may yet regain his wonted health, and be able to meet with us and participate in the active labors of this Grand Body; but if the Supreme Grand High Priest above shall order differently, our earnest prayer shall be that the Holy One may interpose and smooth the path of life, while it lasts, that our deeply afflicted Companion may constantly be in possesion of that inward faith and sight that will make his days to come his happiest days; that he may be supported by faith which gives a confident assurance that those who trust in him who is "Lord of all" shall never want any good thing. and may his end be peace, and he receive an abundant entrance into the Grand Council Chamber not made with hands, where the Grand High Priest above presides.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due to our old and esteemed P. G. H. P. Comp. Wm. Hacker, for the timely aid given to our much afflicted G. H. Priest Comp. Eden H. Davis, in performing the duties of his office, and may he yet live many years

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to labor as in the past for the elevation of the moral, social, and intellectual character of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction, and when his labor on earth is ended may he go peacefully home to rest.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are also due to our D. G. H. P. Comp. Alexander Thomas, for the timely aid rendered the Grand High Priest, and for the prompt and efficient manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Grand Body during the present session. Also to the remaining officers for the faithful manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

T. H. LYNCH,
JOHN LEACH,
SOL. D. BAYLISS,
Committee.

Which was concurred in and the accompanying resolutions adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

ORDER TO INVEST SURPLUS FUNDS.

Comp. Ellis, P. G. H. P., submitted the following:

WHEREAS, The Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary show a highly prosperous financial condition of the Grand Chapter with a large surplus in the treasury;

Resolved, That said Grand Officers be directed to invest in proper securities so much of said fund for the benefit of the Grand Chapter as shall not be required for its use before the next Grand Annual Communication.

Which was adopted.

PROPOSAL TO REPRINT PROCEEDINGS.

Comp. Drumb offered the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to have reprinted and rebound in a good, substantial manner, one thousand copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, from its organization up to and including the year 1855, to be of uniform size with the present issue.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed

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to furnish one copy of said proceedings, when printed, to each sister Grand Chapter; also, one to each subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction, and the residue to be sold at the cost price, to defray the expense of printing and binding.

Which on motion of Comp. Fowler was laid on the table.

DIPLOMA—ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

Comp. Hazelrigg offered the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to procure two hundred Diplomas for the Order of High Priesthood; and that the Grand Secretary draw an order on the Grand Treasurer for the money to pay for the same.

Which was adopted, and thereupon Comps. Hazelrigg, Hacker and Bramwell were appointed said committee.

RELIEF TO MEMPHIS AND SHREVEPORT.

On motion of P. G. H. P. Ellis the following preamble and resolution was adopted, and the money ordered to be forwarded:

The cry of distress still comes to us from the South. The pestilence yet rages. Scores of our brethren have fallen. Their families are suffering and require our aid. Shall we not exemplify the great principles of our Order, Brotherly Love and Relief? Therefore,

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated from the Treasury for the relief of our Masonic brethren in Memphis and Shreveport, to-wit: Four hundred dollars to Memphis and one hundred dollars to Shreveport.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Questions of Law Answered.

Comp. Hacker submitted the following:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the following interrogatories, to-wit:

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To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Please report an opinion on the following questions: Does signing a petition for a new Chapter, and participating in the labors of said new Chapter when organized, have the effect to dimit the petitioner from the Chapter of which he was a member at the time of signing said petition (his Chapter recommending the petition), whether the petitioner has paid his dues to his Chapter or not? In case such action dimits the petitioner from the old Chapter, how can it enforce collection of any dues or assessments due from the petitioner at the time of said dimit?—"*Rules for government of Subordinate Chapters,*" *No.* 8.

Respectfully, &c.,

W. E. MURRAY,
JNO. B. ROUTH,
W. N. CURRENT.

Answer the first of the above in the negative. The payment of all dues to a Chapter is a pre-requisite to a dimit from a Chapter in all cases. To the second question in this interrogatory your Committee reply: That a Chapter to whom any amount may remain due retains full jurisdiction of the delinquent until all arrearages are fully paid.

H. G. HAZELRIGG,
WILLIAM HACKER,
SOL. D. BAYLESS,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Goshen Chapter, No. 45—South Bend Chapter, No. 29.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, to whom was referred the complaint of Goshen Chapter, No. 45, that South Bend Chapter, No. 29, conferred the Chapter Degrees upon John K. Mulholland while his family resided in Goshen. The papers in the case are all before us in behalf of Goshen Chapter, No. 45; but there are no papers from South Bend Chapter, No. 29, and from the best evidence before your Committee there has been no notice given said Chapter of the appeal by Goshen Chapter; and there being points of a serious character involved in this case, and for the want of all the facts, and proper time to make an intelligent

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investigation, your Committee recommend that the whole matter be referred to the G. H. Priest for such action as he may deem best.

S. B. RICHARDSON.
S. S. JOHNSON.
C TINKLER,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to install the Grand Officers elect and appointed for the ensuing year, agreeably to the forms and ceremonies prescribed by this Grand Chapter, M. E. Sol. D. Bayless, Past Grand High Priest, presiding and conducting the ceremonies, assisted by M. E. Martin H. Rice, Past ~~Grand~~ High Priest, as Grand Marshal, and Comp. Rev. John Leach as Grand Chaplain.

CLOSING.

The Grand Chapter having completed its labors, and no further business appearing, proceeded to close in ample and solemn form, to meet again in Annual Communication at the Grand Masonic Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, A. D. 1874, A. I. 2404 (October 21st, 1874).

ALEXANDER THOMAS,
Grand High Priest.

John M Bramwell

Grand Secretary.

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TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Work of the Several Chapters Subordinate to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana, from September 1st, 1872, to August 31st, 1873:

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Mark Masters.	Past Masters.	M. E. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Reinstated.	Affiliated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Total Number of Members.
1	Madison	3	3	3	3	1	...	...	2	...	...	41
2	Logan	19	18	17	15	...	1	3	...	...	...	81
3	La Fayette	10	8	9	7	...	3	2	10	...	...	94
4	King Solomon's	9	9	9	7	1	1	2	2	...	...	114
5	Indianapolis	12	11	11	11	...	1	1	5	...	...	157
6	Keystone	11	11	14	13	...	1	2	...	...	...	67
7	Vincennes	3	3	3	3	...	1	...	3	4	...	43
8	Greensburgh	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	2	1	...	1	45
9	Cambridge	4	5	6	6	...	...	1	1	4	...	98
10	Columbus	7	7	7	9	1	2	1	4	4	1	94
11	Terre Haute	25	20	23	23	...	...	3	1	...	1	173
12	Evansville	9	11	11	12	...	2	1	...	...	...	77
13	Aurora	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	3	3	...	40
14	Noblesville	5	2	2	.....	...	1	1	1	...	...	29
15	LaPorte	12	12	10	9	...	...	2	2	...	...	69
16	Brookville	.....	.....	.....	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	32
17	New Albany	4	4	4	4	...	2	...	2	...	...	55
18	Maxwell	2	3	3	4	...	1	...	2	...	...	39
19	Fort Wayne	15	15	11	9	...	1	5	1	1	...	166
20	Shelby	7	3	3	2	...	...	3	1	...	1	91
21	Delphi	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
22	Green Castle	5	5	5	5	...	2	1	1	...	1	63
23	Mitchell	5	4	3	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	51
24	Rush	2	1	.....	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	36
25	Michigan City	3	6	6	6	...	...	1	1	1	...	36
26	Wabash	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	1	1	...	...	40
27	Huntington	4	4	5	6	...	...	2	...	...	...	44
29	South Bend	18	15	15	15	...	5	3	3	2	...	129

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30	Muncie	12	12	19	15	...	1	4	1	...	...	118
31	Kokomo	7	4	6	6	1	...	1	...	1	...	42
32	Milan	6	5	5	5	...	...	...	4	...	...	53
33	Knightstown	3	3	3	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	93
34	Hacker	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
35	Randolph	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	...	2	1	1	1	41
36	LaGrange	2	2	2	2	1	...	1	1	...	...	25
37	Parke	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
38	Salem	7	7	5	4	...	...	...	3	1	...	32
39	Lebanon	2	1	1	1	...	1	2	1	...	...	45
40	Crawfordsville	7	7	7	7	...	1	3	3	...	...	70
41	Liberty	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
42	Noble County	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	40
43	Dunkirk	6	3	5	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	46
44	McCordsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	34
45	Goshen	6	6	4	6	...	1	3	3	3	...	63
46	Danville	5	5	5	3	...	...	...	2	...	..	40
47	Chester	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
48	Warsaw	.....	.....	.....	9	1	...	...	2	...	...	52
49	Plymouth	5	5	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
50	New Castle	3	3	4	4	...	...	2	1	...	...	64
51	Pendleton	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
52	Anderson	5	5	6	6	1	...	1	...	...	...	67
53	Lincoln	4	2	2	3	...	...	...	1	1	...	41
54	Columbia City	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
55	Marion	8	8	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
56	Lawrenceburgh	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	3	...	...	34
57	Rockport	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	35
58	Angola	5	1	1	.....	...	1	2	1	...	...	35
59	Brazil	3	3	2	.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	46
60	Clarksburg	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	2	...	24
61	Gosport	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	3	8	1	64
62	Peru	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
63	William Hacker	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	1	1	...	34
64	Kendallville	2	2	5	6	...	...	...	2	1	...	68
65	Franklin	14	14	12	12	...	1	2	2	...	...	72
66	Horeb	5	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	45
67	Jay	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
68	Vernon	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
69	Beharrell	1	1	.....	.....	...	...	...	3	...	1	30

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No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Mark Masters.	Past Masters.	M. E. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Reinstated.	Affiliated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Total Number of Members.
70	Bloomington	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	3	...	...	22
71	Oceola	2	2	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	42
72	Cannelton	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	20
73	Mt. Vernon	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	...	21
74	Westfield	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	2	...	16
75	Princeton	3	3	3	4	...	...	...	.....	...	...	38
76	Warrick	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	...	24
77	Spencer	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	28
78	Plainfield	3	3	3	4	...	...	...	.....	...	...	30
79	Valparaiso	1	2	3	.....	...	...	1	.....	...	...	58
80	Loogootee	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	1	1	...	...	27
81	Jerusalem	8	7	7	12	...	...	...	.....	...	...	36
82	Clinton	5	1	1	5	...	...	...	.....	...	...	39
83	Mishawaka	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	...	33
84	Bloomfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....
85	Seymour	3	3	3	2	...	1	...	.....	...	...	32
86	Centreville	1	1	1	3	...	...	1	.....	...	...	17
87	Hartford City	3	2	2	8	...	...	...	1	...	...	24
88	Leavenworth	8	9	9	9	...	...	...	.....	1	...	31
U. D.	Kentland	7	3	4	4	...	...	...	.....	...	...	12
U. D.	Rochester	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....
	Totals, 1873	370	334	345	356	11	33	69	97	41	11	4332
	Totals, 1872	448	427	422	420	11	61	46	148	33	13	4116
	Increase	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	23	.....	8	...	216
	Decrease	78	93	77	64	...	28	...	51	...	2	.....

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TABLE OF DEATHS.

MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS IN INDIANA, WHO DIED FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1872, TO AUGUST 31ST, 1873.

Allen, D. R., Fort Wayne Chapter, No. 19.....——— —, 1872.

Bergan, George W., Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11..January 30, 1873.
Brackenridge, Robert, Ft. Wayne Chapter, No. 19..February 28, 1873.
Barnes, Dean, Mitchell Chapter, No. 23.....April 22, 1873.
Burson, John W., Muncie Chapter, No. 30.....September 21,1872.
Butterfield, Charles F., Goshen Chapter, No. 45...May 3, 1873.

Carter, John S., Columbus Chapter, No. 10.....February 7, 1873.
Carson, Scott, Noblesville Chapter, No. 14.....March 15, 1873.
Carney, Edward, Wabash Chapter, No. 26.....August 30, 1873.
Calvert, Isaac D., South Bend Chapter, No. 29....January 16, 1873.
Canaday, N. H., Knightstown Chapter, No 33.....May 8, 1873.
Coombs, George, Lebanon Chapter, No. 39.....June —, ——

Denio, Charles C., South Bend Chapter, No. 29...April 12, 1873.

Engler, Jacob, Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11.....February 20, 1873.
Elliott, James, Shelby Chapter, No. 20.....August 20, 1873.
Ebersole, R. C., Huntington Chapter, No 27.....November 20,1872.

Farquhar, W., Logan Chapter, No. 2.....November 4, 1872.
Fisk, Allen Z., King Solomon's Chapter, No. 4....November 25,1872.
Frederick,Christian, Knightstown Chapter, No.33 September 8, 1872.
Fitzpatrick, James H., Randolph Chapter, No. 35..——— —, ——
Fullen, O. H., Crawfordsville Chapter, No. 40 .....March 4, 1873.
Forkner, Samuel, Anderson Chapter, No. 52.....September—,1872.

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Gavin, James, Greensburgh Chapter, No. 8.....July 4, 1873.
Gough, A. F., Muncie Chapter, No. 30.....May 6, 1872.

Hartwell, Ephraim, Keystone Chapter, No. 6.....November 27,1872.
Herdlinger, Frederick, Ft. Wayne Chapter, No. 19August 6, 1873.
Hill, James, Michigan City Chapter, No. 25.....December 26, 1872.
Harlan, Samuel W., Muncie Chapter, No. 30.....December 23, 1872.
Henderson, J. O., Kokomo Chapter, No. 31.....February 25, 1873.
Holiday, A. J., New Castle Chapter, No. 50.....April 17, 1873.
Harvey, L. D., New Castle Chapter, No. 50.....November 7, 1872.
Holtzman, Theo. J., Bloomington Chapter, No. 70. May 17, 1873.
Holman, Joseph, Centreville Chapter, No. 86.....April 18, 1873.

Jones, Edwin A., King Solomon's Chapter, No. 4..February 15, 1873.
Jennings, William H., Franklin Chapter, No. 65...January 31, 1873.

Kirk, Thomas F., Shelby Chapter, No. 20.....June 1, 1873.
Kromer, John, La Grange Chapter, No. 36.....January —, 1873.
Kinney, Charles P., Angola Chapter, No. 58.....April 3, 1873.

Lankford, T. J., Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11.....January 26, 1873.

Mayo, Henry S., La Fayette Chapter, No. 3.....May 13, 1873.
Morrison, Hugh M., Shelby Chapter, No. 20.....August 20, 1873.

Naylor, Isaac, Crawfordsville Chapter, No. 40.....April 26, 1873.

Peglow, Charles, La Porte Chapter, No. 15.....February 16, 1873.
Priest, H. C., Green Castle Chapter, No. 22.....October 20, 1872.
Palmer, P. T., Crawfordsville Chapter, No. 40.....——— —, ——
Purl, Elias, Goshen Chapter, No. 45.....November 11,1872.
Powers, Stephen A., Angola Chapter, No. 58.....October 5, 1872.
Palmer, S. L., La Porte Chapter, No. 15.....February 20, 1873.

Stevens, James D., Logan Chapter, No. 2.....February 6, 1873.
Small, Henry, Keystone Chapter, No. 6.....December 11, 1872.
Sherman, Peter, Greensburgh Chapter, No. 8.....November —,1872.
Sloan George W., Rush Chapter, No. 24.....May 7, 1873.
Sample, Charles Parker, Muncie Chapter, No. 30..August 29, 1873.
Shoemaker, Elisha, Randolph Chapter, No. 35....February 7, 1873.
Simpkins, William R., Lebanon Chapter, No. 39..March 27, 1873.
Starr, A. A., Valparaiso Chapter, No. 79.....——— —, ——
Swain, William, Cambridge Chapter, No. 9.....——— —, 1873.

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Tipton, George T., Logan Chapter, No. 2.....April 30, 1873.
Truman, N. B., Indianapolis Chapter, No. 5.....Unknown.
Thompson, S. W., Evansville Chapter, No. 12.....July 7, 1873.
Taylor, John E., Fort Wayne Chapter, No. 19.....July —, 1873.

Vanbecker, L. D., Huntington Chapter, No. 27...April 25, 1873.

Wood, Thomas, La Fayette Chapter, No. 3.....July 18, 1873.
Weaver, James W., Aurora Chapter, No. 13.....February 15, 1873.
Webber, Benjamin, Fort Wayne Chapter, No. 19...August 24, 1873.
Williams, James C., South Bend Chapter, No. 29...December 11, 1872.
Wallace, Wm. K., Crawfordsville Chapter, No. 40...December 17, 1872.
Wood, Edward J., Goshen Chapter, No. 45.....April 9, 1873.
Wilson, John W., Franklin Chapter, No. 65.....January 31, 1873.
Wood, A. S., Loogootee Chapter, No. 80.....April 4, 1873.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COUNCIL OF HIGH PRIESTS,

OF THE

STATE OF INDIANA.

OCTOBER, 1873.

The Council of High Priests of the State of Indiana assembled in the Hall of the Grand Chapter, in the City of Indianapolis, at 7 o'clock P. M., October 21, 1873.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. WILLIAM HACKER, President.
E. SOL. D. BAYLESS, Vice President.
COMP. REV. JOHN LEACH, Chaplain.
COMP. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
COMP. H. G. HAZELRIGG, Recorder.
COMP. HENRY L. BEALE, as Master of Ceremonies.
COMP. ALEXANDER THOMAS, Conductor.
COMP. ANDREW H. HAMILTON, as Herald.
COMP. CHARLES FISHER, Steward.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.

Comps. Thomas J. Bailey, Nathan R. Bennett, Stephen W. Burlingame, Rees J. Chesnutwood, Frank S. Devol, Christian Fetta, George H. Fish, Joseph Freeman. James Hall, Asa H. Hodson, Lewis Jenkins, Samuel B. Richardson, Martin H. Rice, and Lawrence B. Stockton.

A Council of High Priests was opened in ample form, with solemn and appropriate ceremonies. Prayer by the Chaplain.

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, accompanied by a certificate of their election to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, was presented by

Companions William W. Austin, of King Solomon's Chapter, No. 4.
Michael H. Franklin, of Cambridge Chapter, No. 9.
George M. Daken, of LaPorte Chapter, No. 15.
Benjamin F. Reagan, of Knightstown Chapter, No. 33.
Thomas N. Jones, of Danville Chapter, No. 46.
James M. Mowrer, of New Castle Chapter, No. 50.
Samuel Beshore, of Marion Chapter, No. 55.
James L. Dunegan, of Gosport Chapter, No. 61.
Simeon H. Pearse, of Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 73.
Albert P. Charles, of Seymour Chapter, No. 85.

Comp. Bayless moved to refer the petitions to a select committee. Adopted, and Comps. Fetta, Richardson, and Chesnutwood were appointed the Committee.

On motion, Comps. Hazelrigg, Bayless and Rice were appointed a Committee to apply to the Grand Chapter to have printed two hundred Diplomas for High Priests.

Comp. Leach moved that a committee of three, with the M. E. President as Chairman, be appointed to prepare, for publication, with the proceedings of the Council, a history of the Order of High Priesthood. Adopted, and Comps. Hacker, Leach and Hazelrigg were appointed.

The committee to whom was referred the petitions for the Order, reported that they had discharged the duty as-

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signed them, and recommended the admission of the petitioners. A ballot was had, which resulted in their election.

On motion, the Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of

Comp. WILLIAM HACKER, President.
Comp. SOL. D. BAYLESS, Vice President.
Comp. Rev. JOHN LEACH, Chaplain.
Comp. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
Comp. H. G. HAZELRIGG, Recorder.
Comp. MARTIN H. RICE, Master of Ceremonies.
Comp. ALEXANDER THOMAS, Conductor.
Comp. ANDREW H. HAMILTON, Herald.
Comp. CHARLES FISHER, Steward.

The Council was then called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock P. M., to-morrow.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1873—7 o'clock P. M.

Council Assembled.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. WILLIAM HACKER, President.
E. SOL. D. BAYLESS, Vice President.
Comp. Rev. JOHN LEACH, Chaplain.
Comp. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
Comp. H. G. HAZELRIGG, Recorder.
Comp. MARTIN H. RICE, Master of Ceremonies.
Comp. ALEXANDER THOMAS, Conductor.
Comp. ANDREW H. HAMILTON, Herald.
Comp. CHARLES FISHER, Steward.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.

Comps. Hugh Bryson, Orville Brusie, Stephen W. Burlingame, Rees J. Chesnutwood, Elisha E. Drumb, Casper Fogel, Christian Fetta, James Hall, Asa H. Hodson, Simeon S. Johnson, Isaac A. Johnson, William Krimbill, Reuben Peden, Thomas Poe, Samuel B. Richardson, William Roach, John M. Ryan, Lawrence B. Stockton, and Consider Tinkler.

The Council was called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, accompanied by a certificate of their having been elected to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, were presented by

Companions DeWitt C. Hamilton, of Columbus Chapter, No. 10.
Zachariah B. Waller, of Shelbyville Chapter, No. 20.
Francis M. Lemon, of Mitchell Chapter, No. 23.
John M. Atkinson, of Lebanon Chapter, No. 39.
Calvin B. Walker, of Centreville Chapter, No. 86.
Emanuel R. Hawn, of Leavenworth Chapter, No. 88.

On motion of Comp. Bayless, the petitions were referred to a committee, consisting of Comps. Thomas, Drumb and Johnson, who reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and recommended the admission of the petitioners. A ballot was had, which resulted in the election of the applicants.

Comp. Bayless, from a committee appointed for the purpose, at the meeting of the Council in October, 1872, presented to M. E. Comp. William Hacker, President of the Council, as an evidence of the high regard of the members of the Council, a neat and highly finished gold watch chain. In presenting the chain, Comp. Bayless accompanied it with a chaste and delicate reference to the many and valuable services rendered by Comp. Hacker in promoting and securing the present elevated position of the Order in the State of Indiana. In its acceptance, Comp. Hacker gave a somewhat extended history of his connec-

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tion with the rise, progress, and present standing of the Order in this jurisdiction, with a beautiful and impressive reference to the symbolism of the "chain" of fraternal friendship that should ever be kept bright in the fellowship of the Companions.

The petitioners who had been elected to receive the Order, except Comp. Zachariah B. Waller, of Shelbyville Chapter, No. 20, and Calvin B. Walker, of Centreville Chapter, No. 86, (who were not present), were then introduced and consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in solemn form.

On motion, the Recorder was ordered, after paying the expenses of the present meeting to pay the proceeds to the Treasurer.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasurer's hands	$26 00
Fees for the Order	14 00
Diplomas	7 00
Total	$47 00

Expenditures.

Present meeting	$ 1 50
Indebtedness	40 00
Paid to Grand Chapter	5 50
Total	$47 00

The Council was then closed in ample form, after prayer by the Chaplain.

WILLIAM HACKER,
President.

H. G. HAZELRIGG.
Recorder.

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ADDRESS.

The following Address was presented by Comp. William Hacker, the M. E. President, at the opening of the Council, and is here published for the general information it contains:

My Companions, High Priests:

It is not a custon in our Order for presiding officers to prepare and deliver opening addresses at our Annual Assemblies, as in other Grand Masonic Bodies, yet I will so far trespass upon your time as to present a few thoughts upon the origin and early history of the Order; who its authors really were, and by what authority it has been brought in and adopted as a legitimate degree in our American Rite of Freemasonry, and thus, if possible, correct the many erroneous theories which have been put forth by some of the Masonic writers of the present day, who, if they have ever been admitted to the privileges of the Order at all—as most of them claim to have been—are so totally ignorant of the subject they have undertaken to write upon, that what they have said has but produced confusion in the minds of many of our members, and led them to form very erroneous views of the origin and true history of the Order.

To set this matter in a proper light before you, and, if possible, disabuse your minds of any erroneous impressions you may have received from the many theories thus put forth, and, if possible, give the true origin of the Order, is the sole object sought to be attained in addressing you at this time.

While it may be true, as one author has said, that "no allusion

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to it can be found in any ritual work out of America, nor even here anterior to about the end of the last or beginning of the present century," yet I apprehend that fact should not be taken as conclusive evidence that our fathers who gave us the degree have left upon record no "authentic documents to throw much light upon the historical origin of the Order."

Another author, who has written and published in two large volumes what he claims to be a true history of Masonry, says:

"We have not yet examined the history of the origin of the Order of High Priesthood, but we do not hesitate to say that it is a thing of modern invention."—"The hatched-up traditions of this so-called Order clearly show it to have been the invention of some Masonic driveler who was totally ignorant of the true history of Freemasonry."—"Shall we be told that because Abraham was the Father of the Faithful and the chosen of God, he therefore instituded the Order of High Priesthood in Masonry? We rejoice to say that a new light begins to dawn upon the Craft, and that intelligent men are beginning to separate the chaff from the wheat."—"If these modern degrees are of sufficient importance to be preserved and practiced, let them be formed into a distinct and separate organization, and by some other name than Masonry, that our time-honored and divinely-instituted Order may not be polluted or encumbered by these newly-invented gewgaws."

And all this—and much more of a similar import—from one who admits at the outset that he had "not yet examined into the history of the origin of the Order."

But leaving these things all to go for just what they are worth, what, then, is the true origin of the Order as we have it—who were its authors, and by what authority has it been instituted and handed down to us? To set this matter in a proper light before the members of our Order, I now refer you to the following historical facts:

The Order of High Priesthood, as we have it, is exclusively of American origin, and not recognized—if at all known—beyond the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. This is an important item not to be lost sight of in the investigation of the subject we have undertaken

We then turn to the early American publications and find nothing in reference to the Order prior to the beginning of the present century. Even Webb, in the first edition of his Monitor, published in 1797, makes no mention of it; but in his second edition, published in 1802, he gives a monitorial ritual for the Order of High

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Priesthood, or, as he terms it, "Observations on the Order of High Priest." From this we may infer that at some period between these two dates we must look for the true origin of the Order.

We next turn to the published proceedings of what is now called the General Grand Chapter of the United States, but at that time known as the "General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Six Northern States of America." We find that Grand Body was first organized on the 26th day of January, 1798, by the adoption of a Constitution and the election of officers.

The second regular meeting—as appears from the records—was held at the city of Providence, Rhode Island, on the 9th day of January, 1799, when Benjamin Hurd, Thomas S. Webb and James Harrison were appointed "a Committee to revise the Constitution and report such alterations and amendments thereto as they should find necessary to be made."

On the next day, January 10th, 1799, Webb, as the chairman of the committee, submitted their report, which, it appears, was adopted.

Article IV of that Constitution, then adopted, contains the forms for constituting new Chapters and installing the High Priests into office. Following these forms, we find that after the new Chapter has been constituted and dedicated, the Companion nominated in the Warrant for High Priest is presented for installation, to whom the installing officer propounds the eleven interrogations to which he responds. The installing prayer is then offered, after which

"All the Companions, except High Priests and Past High Priests, are requested to withdraw while the new High Priest is solemnly bound to the performance of his duties, and after the performance of other necessary ceremonies not proper to be written they are permitted to return."

The question here arises, What were those "other necessary cer emonies not proper to be written"? A few lines further on we have this language: "In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence with the charges and regulations just recited, I now declare you duly installed *and annointed* High Priest of this new Chapter." Here the words "*and annointed*" evidently gives us the key by which we may fully comprehend what those "*other necessary ceremonies*" were, and most certainly and truly gives us all the information necessary to enable us to fix the date and determine the authority by which the Order of High Priesthood was instituted, as also who its authors really were.

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This amended Constitution is not only signed by the Genera Grand Officers, viz:

Benjamin Hurd, G. G. High Priest;
Thomas S. Webb, G. G. King;
James Harrison, G. G. Scribe;
William Woart, G. G. Secretary;
Abraham L. Clark, G. G. Chaplain;

but also by the Representatives then present, viz:

From the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts:
Benjamin Hurd, Jr., G. H. Priest;
James Harrison, G. Scribe.

From the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island:
Seth Wheaton, G. H. Priest;
Gersham Jones, G. King;
Samuel Eddy, G. Scribe.

From the Grand Chapter of New York:
De Witt Clinton, G. H. Priest;
Thomas Frothingham, G. King;
Jedediah Sanger, G. Scribe.

I have been thus particular in giving the names of all who sub scribed to this provision of the Constitution, in order that you may see and know upon whom rests the responsibility of the institution of the Order of High Priesthood as we have it. And I apprehend the present generation is hardly yet prepared to write those honored names, as they stand thus recorded, as "Masonic drivelers, hatching up traditions and polluting our *divinely-instituted* Order with their newly-invented gewgaws."

We then have for the authors of our Order of High Priesthood; Thomas Smith Webb, of Temple Chapter, Albany, New York, Benjamin Hurd, Jr., and James Harrison, of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. For the true date of its origin, January 10th, 1799; and for the authority of its institution and promulgation, the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

This provision of the Constitution we find continued a part of that instrument until the Triennial Communication held in the city of Lexington, Kentucky, when, on the 19th day of September, 1853, it was repealed, at which time the Order of High Priesthood became the exclusive property of those who were in possession of it. It thus remained a part of the constitutional requirements of Royal Arch Masonry from its first institution on the 10th day of

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January, 1799, up to the 19th day of September, 1853, a space of nearly fifty-five years.

Where our Excellent Companions got the original thought or germ out of which the Order was formed, will, perhaps, have to be left more to conjecture, yet even here I think we may find some data upon which to base a conclusion. In setting about the formation of an Order for the Priesthood, what could be more natural than to refer to the scriptural history of the meeting of Malchisedek, Priest of the Most High God, with Abraham, the circumstances which occasioned that meeting, the bringing forth bread and wine, the blessing, etc., etc. Surely nothing could equal, or be more appropriate for the purpose than these circumstances as they stand thus recorded.

A further illustration of this point may be had in a foot-note found in an English ritual work of the past century. That note is as follows:

"In some Priories the candidate partakes of bread from the point of the sword, and wine from a chalice placed upon the blade handed to him by the Prelate."

Again, in an old manuscript of the past century, from Scotland, now lying before me, I find a similar idea made use of.

But the question now arises, Was Webb and his associates in possession of, or did they have a knowledge of those ritual works to which I have referred? I think they were, and for the following reasons: In those ritual works are to be found many thoughts and expressions made use of by Webb in the arrangement of his Royal Arch Degree, which are to be found nowhere else, showing most conclusively that he was not only in possession of, but must also have been very familiar with them.

It is very evident that the committee in arranging the ceremonies and rituals of the Order, as also the General Grand Chapter in adopting it as a part of the Constitutional requirements of Royal Arch Masonry, designed that it should be conferred as a part of the High Priest's installation ceremonies. And whether Webb and his associates in the G. G. Chapter ever conferred it at any other time or in any other manner, I have been unable to learn. When and by whom it was first conferred as a separate ceremonial disconnected with the installation ceremonies, is equally unknown to me. It is, however, more than probable that it has always been conferred in the West as a separate ceremonial. It is well known that Comp. John Snow—Webb's business partner, and associated

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with him in teaching the American System of Masonry among the newly formed settlements west of the mountains—always conferred it as a separate ceremonial either before or after the installation, as circumstances might indicate. And I have met with those who claim to have received the Order from the celebrated Lorenzo Dow, who for a time served as High Priest of the Chapter at Vincennes, in this State, of whom it is said that he always conferred it as a separate ceremonial.

The earliest records I have yet been able to discover of the organization of a Council of High Priests as an independent organization, is in the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Ohio for 1828, at which time the records show that a Council for the State was duly organized, rules for its government adopted, and a full list of officers elected, with Comp. John Snow as President of the Council as then organized. This organization, it will be observed, was twenty-five years before the General Grand Chapter had relinquished her jurisdiction over the Order. That Council, thus organized by our old and venerated Companions, we find still in good working order, meeting regularly and annually for the transaction of business.

From the foregoing facts, which have been collected with much care, from such written and printed documents as have come within my reach, I am led to infer that our beautiful and most truly sublime Order, instead of being the "*gewgaws of Masonic drivelers*," is as truly a legitimate Order in our American Rite of Freemasonry as any other Order or degree we have. Equally as much so as is the Royal Arch Degree—adopted and made legitimate by the same constituted authority, and at about the same time as was the Royal Arch in its present form. That its true date is January 10, 1799; that Thomas Smith Webb was really its author, as he was also of the M. E. and R. A. Degrees as we now have them; that it was voted for and approved by such well known and much revered lights in our Mystic Temple as Benjamin Hurd, High Priest of St. Andrews Chapter, of Boston, which, no doubt, was the first Chapter organized on this continent—Rev. Abraham L. Clark, H. P., of Providence Chapter, No. 2, Rhode Island, and the Hon. De Witt Clinton, Grand High Priest, of New York; that it continued a part of the constitutional regulations of Royal Arch Masonry until the 19th of September, 1853, more than fifty-four years, when it was surrendered by the G. G. Chapter exclusively to such duly organized Councils of High Priests, as might assume con

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trol of it. And that Comp. John Snow, the Grand High Priest of Ohio—the life-long companion and associate of Comp. Webb, and his successor in teaching and propagating R. A. Masonry in the West—was the first to organize a regular Council of High Priests for the purpose of conferring the Order in a regular and legitimate manner, separate and apart from the installation ceremonies.

A few thoughts now as to the introduction of the Order in our own State, and I will have done.

Comp. Thomas Bishop, of Vincennes, informs us that he received the Order in Toronto, Canada, in the year 1818; that in 1820 he removed to Vincennes, in this State, where he still resides. On arriving at Vincennes he found Comp. James T. Moffett acting High Priest of what is now Vincennes Chapter, No. 7, upon the registry of our own Grand Chapter, and in possession of the Order of High Priesthood. About 1825 Lorenzo Dow came to Vincennes, and after visiting the Lodge for some time, applied for and was made a Royal Arch Mason in Vincennes Chapter, and was subsequently elected High Priest of the Chapter, when Comps. Bishop and Moffett conferred the Order of High Priesthood upon him.

This very satisfactorily explains how Comp. Dow came in possession of the Order, but leaves the manner, as well as the time that Comp. Moffett received it, wholly in the dark; and as Comp. Moffett has several years since passed away and left upon record nothing that we know of by which we could arrive at a satisfactory solution of the matter, it must therefore be left wholly to conjecture.

It is well known that in 1818 our then acting Grand Master, Alexander Buckner, invited Thomas Smith Webb to visit and instruct the several Lodges then at work in this State in his particular mode of work; that in the summer or fall of that year John Snow came, and in a most satisfactory manner performed the duties required of him. But as the Chapter at Vincennes was not organized until after the 13th day of May, 1820, Comp. Moffett could not then have received the Order from Comp. Snow, unless he had served as High Priest at some other point before removing to Vincennes.

From the private Journal of Comp. Webb, as also from the proceedings of the G. G. Chapter, we learn that on the 8th day of May, 1818, Webb, as Deputy G. G. High Priest, issued charters for the formation of Royal Arch Chapters at Madison and Brookville, in this State, the first of which is still at work and known on the reg-

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istry of our Grand Chapter as Madison Chapter, No. 1. Now, it is more than probable that the organization of these Chapters was what brought Comp. Snow to Indiana in the summer of 1818, as before stated, at which time Comp. Moffett may have been present and in some way, being entitled to it, did then receive the Order from Comp. Snow.

Be these things as they may, the conferring of the Order upon Comp. Dow by Comps. Bishop and Moffett in 1825, is the first positive assurance we have of the Order being conferred within the bounds of our State; and the two or three upon whom Comp. Dow may have conferred it, doubtless constituted the entire work that was done in this State until after the anti-Masonic persecution—which arose soon after that time—had passed away; for we well know that during the ten years from 1826 to 1836, while that storm raged, the Craft in this jurisdiction quietly rested upon their oars until the storm had ceased.

We have no further records or knowledge of the Order having been conferred within our State until during the Communication of the Grand Chapter on the 26th day of May, 1848, when a Council of High Priests was held, presided over by Comp. Samuel Reed, of Ohio, when Caleb Schmidlapp, Alex. C. Downey, Henry C. Lawrence and C. S. Ramsey, were duly admitted to the Order. Again in 1849 and 1850 these informal Councils were held and several others admitted to the Order. This finished the work of our Order in this State until the session of the Grand Chapter in 1853, when, on the 19th day of May, a Council was again held, and the Order duly conferred upon ten Companions, your present presiding officer being one of that number.

At this meeting of the High Priests the necessary preliminary steps were taken and our present Council of High Priests for the State of Indiana was duly organized, and a code of rules adopted for its government. These rules were revised and a Code of By-Laws adopted by the Council, May 17th, 1859. From thenceforth our progress has been steady and constant, until now we find our Order of Priesthood second in character, popularity and usefulness to no other department in our Mystic Rite.

Before closing I wish to place upon record for your information, as also for the information of those who may come after us, that—as some of you already know—the ritual work we have been using in our Council for the past sixteen years was obtained by myself

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from the ritual of Comp. John Snow; and as I was assured at the time, and still believe, was the original work as adopted by the G. G. Chapter, in 1799, slightly modified or changed by Comp. Snow, so that it might be separately conferred from the installation ceremonies. Be this as it may, however, with the ritual we have been using these past years, the Order has steadily increased and become exceedingly popular with our Companions, and deservedly so, too, as you all have fully realized.

Then, in conclusion, my Companions, let me exhort you, as you value your honor as men and as Masons, as you prize the purity and permanency of the Order, that under no circumstances whatever, you permit innovations to be made or fancies brought in to mar the beauty and solemnity of the Order; but preserve inviolate every pledge you have made, and perform with fidelity every duty imposed by our solemn ceremonies, that when the sun of life is fast declining beyond the horizon and but a few sands remaining in your glass, each may with confidence look up to our GREAT HIGH PRIEST, who has entered into the Heavens for us, and from his hands receive a glorious welcome into everlasting life.

So mote it be.

WILLIAM HACKER,

M. E. President of the Council of H. P. of Indiana.

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GRAND OFFICERS.

1873.

M. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, of Terre Haute, Grand High Priest.

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E. ORVILLE H. BRUSIE, of South Bend, Grand R. A. Captain.

E. WILLIAM M. BLACK, of Indianapolis, Grand Guard.

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The next Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter will be held at the Grand Masonic Hall, in the City of Indianapolis, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M. on the first Wednesday, succeeding the third Monday in October, A. D. 1874, A. I. 2404, (October 21, 1874.)

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The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana, assembled in Annual Convocation at the Grand Masonic Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, at 2 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the twenty-first day of October, it being "the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October," A. D. 1874, A. I. 2404.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, Grand High Priest.
R. E. GEORGE H. FISH, Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. E. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Grand King.
R. E. REUBEN PEDEN, Grand Scribe.
R. E. CHARLES FISHER, Grand Treasurer.
R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, Grand Secretary.

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E. Rev. Thomas H. Lynch, Grand Chaplain.
E. Simeon S. Johnson, Grand Captain of the Hosts.
E. Orville H. Brusie, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Comp. William M. Black, Grand Guard.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

M. E. Erastus W. H. Ellis, P. G. H. Priest.
M. E. William Hacker, P. G. H. Priest.
M. E. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, P. G. H. Priest.
M. E. Thomas Pattison, P. G. H. Priest.
M. E. Thomas Newby, P. G. H. Priest.

Representatives of seventy-eight subordinate Chapters and a large number of visiting companions.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in ample form, when, it appearing that a constitutional number of subordinate Chapters were duly represented, after prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the M. E. Grand High Priest declared the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana, duly opened for the dispatch of business.

The M. E. G. High Priest announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Which was concurred in by the Grand Chapter, to-wit:

On Credentials—Companions John M. Bramwell, Lucien A. Foote, Samuel B. Richardson.

On Visiting Companions — Companions John Leach, Aaron G. Gardner, C. K. Drew.

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On Charters—Companions Simeon S. Johnson, Jason H. Conley, H. G. Thayer.

On Dispensations—Companions John M. Ryan, Robert J. Shaw, A. P. Charles.

On Grievances and Appeals—Companions Christian Fetta, O. H. Brusie, Ireman H. Fowler.

On Claims—Companions Thomas B. Long, Lorenzo C. Miles, Benjamin L. Smith.

On Pay-Roll—Companions Edward S. Ross, John Butt, W. E. Murray.

On Jurisprudence—Companions Harvey G. Hazelrigg, William Hacker, Thomas Pattison.

On Unfinished Business—Companions William H. Mitchell, John Ebert, Joseph Hole.

On Foreign Correspondence—Companions Martin H. Rice, George H. Fish, Thomas A. Carnahan.

The M. E. G. High Priest then read and submitted the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

Another Masonic year has passed and gone, and we find ourselves again assembled around the sacred altar of our tabernacle, here to renew our vows and pledge ourselves anew to the great moral work before us.

Here we exchange the kind fraternal greetings known only to our brotherhood, and thus strengthen the bands of our mystic union, and receive each other's advice and opinions that will most redound to the interest and prosperity of the Order we all love so well, and thereby enable us the more effectually to promote the usefulness of our organization, in promoting the happiness, prosperity and good will inculcated by the ameliorating influence of Free Masonry.

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Here let us strive more and more as we advance in life, to raise the moral standard of our Order, until we can claim for it what its merits deserve: that there are none of its members who are not "moral and upright before God, and of good repute before the world."

Capitular Masonry never occupied a more exalted position than at the present time; we hear good news from all quarters—from the East, the West, the North and the South come tidings of prosperity and a high moral standard.

Let us strive for the time when we can say, that the profane swearer, the gambler, the drunkard, *and the man who makes drunkards*, has no part or lot in the household of Masonry.

The Order in this jurisdiction during the past year has been as prosperous as could be expected. Some Chapters that have been languishing have renewed their zeal and gone to work in good earnest, and although there are some few that need more enthusiasm to bring them up to the standard they should occupy, yet upon the whole, prosperity has attended our subordinates.

Of all our Chapters there are thirteen that have not made returns for the present year, only one of which, viz, Jay Chapter, No. 67, having made no return since 1870, and has thereby forfeited its charter, demands action on the part of the Grand Chapter.

I have observed that nearly all the Grand Chapters of the United States call their meetings a "*convocation.*" There are, perhaps, not more than two or three that use the word "*communication,*" our own among the number. It is respectfully submitted to the Grand Chapter, that for the sake of arriving more nearly at uniformity, the propriety of changing the title used by us; and it is thought, also, that the word *convocation* is more appropriate than *communication.*

After the closing of the Grand Chapter, last year, I installed Companion Philip Rowden, as High Priest of Rochester Chapter, No. 90, and then authorized him to organize his Chapter under the charter just granted, and install the remaining officers and thus complete their organization without further expense.

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On the fourteenth day of November, 1873, I issued my proxy to Companion Thomas A. Carnahan, of LaFayette, authorizing him to constitute Kentland Chapter, No. 89, and install the officers, all of which was duly reported to me on the fifteenth of December, Companion Carnahan having performed the service on the eleventh of December.

Dispensations Granted.

Dispensations were issued to the following Chapters to elect officers, they having failed to do so at the proper time, viz: Hacker Chapter, No. 34, Milan Chapter, No. 32, Bloomington Chapter, No. 70.

On the twenty-ninth day of January, 1874, I ordered a dispensation to issue for the organization of a new Chapter at Elkhart, in Elkhart county, and appointed Abraham S. Davenport, High Priest, James H. Hutchinson, King, and Ovid C. Hill, Scribe. This Chapter was organized by Companion P. G. H. P. William Hacker, who reports to me that said Chapter is organized under favorable circumstances. It will be remembered that in 1870, a dispensation was issued for the organization of a Chapter at this place, but up to the meeting of the Grand Chapter there had been no organization, as I have been informed, for the want of appropriate rooms, and the dispensation was continued by the Grand Chapter, but no organization was ever effected under its authority.

Now the companions have secured proper rooms and commenced work under the second dispensation, and have paid for both. At the time of issue it was doubtful with the G. H. Priest that this last dispensation should issue free of charge; therefore, the usual fee was paid, and I would recommend that one fee be returned to said Elkhart Chapter, as only one Chapter has been organized. We should not take pay for two, but believe it is the province of the Grand Chapter to say, and not the Grand High Priest.

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Goshen Chapter vs. South Bend Chapter.

This case was before the Grand Chapter last year, and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, but for the want of all the papers in the case it was "referred to the Grand High Priest for such action as he may deem best."

Shortly after the close of our last meeting, the Grand Secretary forwarded the papers to me, on the part of Goshen Chapter, which makes the complaint. South Bend Chapter was at once notified of the fact, and called upon for their defense. This was delayed for a considerable time, but finally the defense of South Bend Chapter was received through their committee, Rev. Companion J. H. Nevius.

Upon an examination of the documents presented by both Chapters, I came to the conclusion that the complaint of Goshen Chapter for a violation of her jurisdiction, should be sustained. Therefore, on the fifth day of June, 1874, I decided that South Bend Chapter, No. 29, pay to Goshen Chapter, No. 45, the fees received for conferring the Chapter degrees, upon Bro. John K. Mulholland, and notified both Chapters of the fact; since which time nothing further has been brought to my attention on the subject. I suppose, therefore, that this decision is satisfactory. This, it was thought, would be sufficient, as I do not believe that South Bend Chapter intentionally thought of wronging Goshen Chapter.

Questions from Delphi Chapter, No. 21.

About the first of last February, letters were received from two members of Delphi Chapter, No. 21, asking certain questions. I at once wrote the High Priest, informing him of the fact, and asking for a complete statement of the case. The High Priest answered my letter and informed me that a full statement would be made to me by a committee appointed by the Chapter for that purpose.

This statement of the committee, and my answer thereto, are now presented for your consideration, and are as follows:

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DELPHI, IND., February 4. 1874.

ALEXANDER THOMAS, ESQ..
M. E G. H. P. R. A. M., Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Sir and Companion—In pursuance of a resolution of Delphi Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., passed at its regular communication held on January 27, 1874, the undersigned were appointed a committee to submit the following questions to the Grand High Priest of this Grand Jurisdiction, and in order that you may be thoroughly informed of the circumstances, we beg your indulgence whilst we submit the following statement of facts, viz:

Delphi Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., have been, for a number of years, tenants of Mount Olive Lodge, No. 48, F. and A. M., using the hall of said Lodge for their communications. Said Mount Olive Lodge, No. 48, on January 19, moved their hall furniture, stoves, carpets, lamps, blinds from the windows, etc., from their old to their new hall (being from an east building in a particular block, to a west building in same particular block in the city of Delphi), after the regular communications of said Delphi Chapter, No. 21, leaving the old hall in such condition that it would not be comfortable or appropriate for the Chapter to meet in. The expiration of the yearly lease of the hall being on that day, January 19th, the High Priest ordered the furniture of the Chapter moved to the new hall, himself taking care of and moving the Charter; and at the stated time, January 27th, for regular communication, opened the Chapter in the new hall and proceeded to transact business.

With the above statement of facts, we now submit the following questions, viz:

1. Was the action of the High Priest, in moving the Charter, etc., opening Chapter in the new hall (the Chapter having taken no action in the premises), lawful and proper?

2. Is a Chapter lawful, where the Charter is present, if the jurisdiction is not changed, and the room safe and all the necessary paraphernalia for the workings of the Chapter?

3. What number of members of a Chapter is necessary to be present to do business lawfully?

4. If ten Royal Arch Masons be present at a regular Communication of the Chapter, three of whom are non-affiliates, will any business transacted be legal?

An early reply to the above questions, with any other information you may desire to give us, will be thankfully received.

Fraternally,

J. T. RICHARDSON, P. H. P.,
JAMES M. WATTS, Secretary,
Committee.

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TERRE HAUTE, February 9, 1874.

COMPANIONS JOHN T. RICHARDSON, P. H. P.,
And JAMES M. WATTS, Secretary,
Committee Delphi Chapter, No. 21:

Companions—Your statement and interrogatories were this morning received. In answering you it appears to my mind that some of the answers will have to apply as the questions indicate, that is, they are local and not general, and therefore should be settled by yourselves, and that, too, amicably; but as you have asked my assistance, I will cheerfully aid you.

Therefore, taking your statement of the case, I will answer the first question:

That under the circumstances I do not see how the H. P. could have done otherwise than he did. The word "*place*," as used in Sec. 6, Art. VIII of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and Rule 54, for the government of subordinates, means town or city and not room.

The meeting was lawful if it was the time specified in your by-laws for holding your stated communication; but at that meeting I think the Chapter should have decided the question as to the future.

Answer to second question:

Yes, if it is the "usual place of meeting," or if the "usual place of meeting" has been changed, and the members generally know of the change.

Third:

"What number of *members* of a Chapter is necessary to be present to do business lawfully?"

Answer: No Chapter of Royal Arch Masons can be opened, closed or do any work or transact any business whatever, unless there be present "*nine* regular Royal Arch Masons." An unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction has no rights, but the right to petition for membership, "except by express permission of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he may reside;" therefore, if your Chapter *permits* them to visit, they have a right to do so, but no longer than until a member objects. If you *permit* an unaffiliate to meet in your Chapter, and treat him with Masonic courtesy, there can be no lawful objection to his being one of the number nine, or even discharging the duties of some officer for the time being, in the ceremonies of opening, closing or conferring degrees. However, in the transaction of business he can take no part, that belongs *exclusively* to *members;* therefore, to carry any proposition, five *members* should vote for the same, because that would be the majority of the constitutional *number nine.*

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In answering your third question, I believe the answer to the fourth question is included.

Hoping the above is satisfactory, and that I may hear of the peace, harmony and prosperity of your Chapter, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

A. THOMAS, G. H. P.

Decisions.

The following case was presented, and my decision asked:

A brother presents his petition for the Chapter degrees, and all the regular proceedings had in the case, is balloted for, and the ballot is clear, but previous to his receiving any of the degrees, a member of the Chapter presents a formal objection, to-wit, "I object to the degrees being conferred on brother A. B."

"Does this objection stand good against any subsequent application that may be made (unless such objection be withdrawn), or will the objection have to be renewed at each new petition that may be presented?"

To this question the following answer was given:

An objection made as you state the case will stand good until withdrawn, or the objecting member ceases to be a *member* of the Chapter to which the objection is made, and the petitioner is barred from presenting a new petition.

This decision was rendered in accordance with what I believed to be the law, although not in exact accordance with my own views, neither could I make anything different in this particular case, from the fact that the objector was one of the committee, and made a favorable report and voted accordingly, but decided on the general principle that *all members* must have and enjoy equal rights.

The law of our Grand Chapter on this subject is not as clear as it might be, but believing it to be a good rule in Masonic law, that if the Chapter law is not plain, and the law of the lodge is

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plain and distinct on the same kind of a case, to adopt the law of the Lodge for the government of the Chapter. This was the theory on which I acted in this case.

A companion has paid all dues against him, and applies for a dimit, there is nothing against him in the Chapter, "but in the Lodge he is arraigned for trial. Can a dimit be granted him?"

I decided that the dimit should not be given him until after his acquittal in the Lodge, or if suspended or expelled by the Lodge, the dimit from the Chapter should be withheld entirely.

Kokomo Chapter, No. 31.

On the seventh of March, 1874, a letter was received from the High Priest of Kokomo Chapter, No. 31, making a full statement of having kept the charter of said Chapter in a tin case, (which is the usual way of taking care of charters.) That some four years since, the hall in which they held their meetings, in connection with the Lodge, was destroyed by fire. Some portions of furniture were saved from the flames; among other things was a desk, and supposing it to be the desk belonging to the Chapter (the Lodge having a similar one), and the tin case being there, had no doubt that the Chapter charter was safe, and did not make a critical examination until recently, when no charter could be found for the Chapter.

I was at once notified of the fact, and asked for authority to continue work. Accordingly, on the above date, a special dispensation was issued by me, authorizing and empowering the said Kokomo Chapter, No. 31, to continue her labors as a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, until this meeting of the Grand Chapter, and would now recommend that a duplicate charter be issued free of expense, except the Grand Secretary's fee.

Salem Chapter, No. 38.

On the fourteenth of last August, I received a communication from the High Priest, King and Scribe of Salem Chapter,

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No. 38, informing me that their hall, furniture and everything belonging to the Chapter, except what money there was in the hands of the treasurer, and the Chapter seal, was destroyed by fire, and asking of me authority to continue their Chapter.

Therefore. on the twenty second day of August, 1874, I issued my special dispensation, authorizing and empowering the said Salem Chapter, No. 38, to continue as a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to hold and enjoy all the rights pertaining to such, until this meeting. At the same time said companions informed me that they had no insurance on the property.

This, my companions, I think is a very great neglect on the part of most of our Chapters.

It will be but a small expense to a Chapter to have some insurance on their hall, if they own it; and if the building is not owned by the body, by all means have insurance on the furniture; then, if misfortune should assail you and your paraphernalia go to the flames, you will have something to commence anew with. Don't neglect this.

Dispensation Newton Chapter Not Issued.

I also ordered the Grand Secretary to issue a dispensation to organize a new Chapter at Newton Stewert, in Orange county, to the proper number of petitioners, which were duly recommended by the surrounding Chapters; but this dispensation has not yet been called for, and therefore has not been issued.

I am informed that it is the desire of the companions there to have their organization effected sometime this Fall.

It may therefore be necessary for this Grand Chapter to take some action toward continuing the order made by me to the Grand Secretary in this case.

Grand Representatives Appointed.

The appointment of grand representatives has been indulged in by your Grand High Priest, the past year, to the extent of three, as follows:

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December 4th, 1873, Gilbert W Barnard, of Chicago, as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, near the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

April 30th, 1874, I commissioned Companion William Wallace Lee, of Meriden, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

June 4th, 1874, Companion Charles L. Chovey, of Madison, was commissioned as Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

These several companions were recommended to me as worthy, exemplary men and zealous Masons. May they be the means of ever maintaining that good will and fraternal friendship that should exist among our grand jurisdictions.

These companions have, in a very kind and fraternal manner, accepted the trust reposed in them.

Conclusion.

And now, companions, having thus given you an account of my stewardship, my most sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude are returned to you for the many kindnesses it has been my lot to receive at your hands, and the honor bestowed, by elevating so humble a member as myself to the high and honorable position of Grand High Priest of Indiana.

I know that there has been many shortcomings in the high trust reposed in me, but it has been my desire to faithfully discharge my duty to the best of my ability.

Hoping that we may all live to enjoy many annual greetings around the sacred altar of our tabernacle, and each becoming more fully prepared for the duties before us, and all the time becoming better men and better Masons, as we travel the rugged path of life, so that when the hour of our departure is at hand, we can all say, "I have endeavored faithfully to perform my duty to the craft," is the desire of your humble servant.

ALEXANDER THOMAS,
Grand High Priest.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMITTEE—CREDENTIALS.

On motion of Companion Ellis, it was

Resolved, That the names of representatives of all Chapters whose dues have been paid at this date, be entered on the report of the Committee on Credentials.

ADDRESS AND REPORT REFERRED.

On motion of Companion Rice, it was

Resolved, That the annual address of the M. E. Grand High Priest be referred to a committee for appropriate reference, and thereupon the following companions were appointed said committee, to-wit: Martin H. Rice, George H. Fish and A. P. Charles.

On motion of Companion Rice, the report on foreign correspondence prepared and submitted by the M. E. Grand High Priest, was referred to the same committee to whom the annual address was referred, without reading.

REPORTS OF GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary each submitted their annual reports, which were read, and, on motion of Companion Peden, referred to the Committee on Pay-Roll, to-wit:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana:

Your Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Chapter during the year ending October 20, 1874:

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RECEIPTS.

Amount in my hands, as per report of October 22, 1873 . .	$9,693.95
Received of Grand Secretary, November 6. 1873	148.30
Received of Grand Secretary, June 5, 1874	300.00
Received of Grand Secretary, September 12, 1874	320.25
Received of Grand Secretary, September 24, 1874	206.50
Received of Grand Secretary, October 5, 1874	360.25
Received of Grand Secretary, October 17, 1874	643.00
Total receipts to October 20, 1874	$11,672.25

I claim credit for the payment of warrants from Nos. 1 to 21, inclusive, drawn by the Grand Secretary, and for the purposes named.

On account of Grand Chapter appropriations	$616.75
Loan of surplus funds	5,500.00
Pay-roll of 1873	1,262.00
Incidental expenses	1.25
Postage	33.80
Printing	257.80
Library	35.50
Grand Secretary's salary	500.00
Blank books and stationery	13.00
Grand Treasurer's com. on $1,979.30	39.57
Total expenses to October 20, 1874	$8,259.67
Balance in Treasury October 20, 1874	3,412.58
	$11,672.25

The foregoing report, with the books, vouchers and papers, is most respectfully submitted, October 20, 1874.

CHARLES FISHER,
Grand Treasurer.

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GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 21, 1874.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana:

The Grand Secretary submits the following annual report of receipts and disbursements:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Grand Treasury, October 20, 1873		$9,693.95
Received on account of Dispensations	90.00	
Received on account of interest on surplus funds	250.00	
Received on account of interest on deposits	81.30	
Received on account of Grand Chapter dues, 1873	166.25	
Received on account of Grand Chapter dues, 1874	1,390.75	$1,978.30
Total Receipts		$11,672.25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Grand Chapter appropriations	$616.75	
Printing	257.80	
Pay-Roll, 1873	1,262.00	
Postage	33.80	
Loan of surplus funds	5,500.00	
Blank books and stationery	13.00	
Grand Secretary's Salary	500.00	
Incidental expenses	1.25	
Library	35.50	
Grand Treasurer's per centage	39.57	8,259.67
Balance in Grand Treasury		$3,412.58
To which add surplus funds loaned		5,500.00
Total Assets		$8,912.58

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BRAMWELL,
Grand Recorder.

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVE GRAND CHAPTER NEW JERSEY.

Companion Lucien A. Foote submitted his commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, and thereupon on motion of Companion Robert J. Shaw, it was

Resolved, That the said appointment be concurred in, and the distinguished Companion be invited to a seat in this Grand Chapter as such Grand Representative.

HIGH PRIESTHOOD DIPLOMAS.

Companion Hacker, from the Select Committee of last year, submitted the following report, to-wit:

The committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter, to procure two hundred diplomas for the Order of High Priesthood, now report:

That they have discharged the duty assigned them, procured the diplomas as directed, and placed them in the care of the Grand Secretary.

The expense incurred by your Committee in carrying out the order of the Grand Chapter amounted to the sum of forty dollars and seventy-five cents, an order for which was drawn on the Grand Treasurer, and the amount liquidated.

We recommend that the Diplomas be placed under the control of the Council of High Priests, to be disposed of to such High Priests as may desire to obtain them, at the price and sum of fifty cents each, and that the amount so obtained be paid over to the Grand Secretary to be disposed of as other funds of the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM HACKER,
H. G. HAZELRIGG,
JOHN M. BRAMWELL,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

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CAN A MAIMED M. M. BE MADE A R. A. MASON?

Companion Hazelrigg, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of last year, submitted the following:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, report:

That at the last Communication of the Grand Chapter, there was referred to it, the following question: "Under the laws of the Grand Chapter, does the loss of the right foot render a brother Master Mason ineligible to receive the Chapter Degrees?" The Committee not then having time to examine the law with that care the importance of the question seemed to require, was granted until the present Communication to give an answer.

Why the term "right foot" is used instead of the left, is not very clear, for if the left has any particular duties to perform, it would be difficult to perform them without the aid of the right, or if the right could be artificially supplied, with equal propriety might the left, or indeed, both; and, if both, so might the right and left arm. How much of an artificial candidate might be used upon which to confer the degrees, is unnecessary to discuss, being of the opinion that the natural man is not only the best, but the only subject upon which to confer the degrees of Masonry.

Was the question, whether the degree of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft or Master Mason could be conferred upon one who had lost either the right or left foot, we think there would be but little hesitation among the well informed in answering in the negative. It may then be important to ascertain whether the Royal Arch is a part of Ancient Craft Masonry, and also whether anciently, the three first degrees contained all of Ancient Craft Masonry, for if they did it would doubtless require the same perfection morally, mentally and physically to receive any part of it, no matter how much dissevered or divided. Whatever perfection was necessary to obtain it when consisting of three degrees only, would be no less necessary, regardless of the number of degrees into which it might be divided. If it require

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certain qualifications to enjoy the privileges and perform the duties of the first degree, it certainly will require an equal, if not greater, perfection to enjoy the privileges and perform the duties when those enjoyments and duties are greatly increased; so that if there is greater privileges and duties (and there doubtless is) in the Royal Arch than in the Master Mason's Degree, there certainly should be no less ability; or, if the Master's Degree ever contained the essential and distinguishing feature of the Royal Arch, the qualifications to receive it should be no less in the seventh degree than in the third.

A learned Masonic writer (Dr. Mackey), says that the essential character of the Royal Arch Degree, is the *true word*, which Dr. Oliver in his history of the Royal Arch, says be found in a Master Mason's tracing board, of the date of 1725. Our traditions teach us that the Master Mason had that word, and he certainly had, or he never could have lost it. Dr. Oliver, who has given us more Masonic history than any other author, says that the *word* had not at that time been severed from the third degree and transferred to another, and that the Royal Arch had not then been fabricated.

Dr. Anderson is taken by all subsequent Masonic writers as the foundation or starting point for written Masonic history. In the lecture of the third degree, as prepared by him and Desaguleers, it is said "that which was lost is now found," which Dr. Oliver construes to mean that the Master Mason's word was delivered to the newly raised Mason in the latter ceremonies of the third degree.

Dr. Mackey says, "The result of our investigations, in which we have mainly relied on the authority of the learned Oliver, is that, until the year 1740, the essential element of the Royal Arch constituted a component part of the Master's degree, and was of course its concluding portion; that as a degree, it was not at all recognized, being but the complement of one; that about that time it was dissevered from its original connection and elevated to the position and invested with the form of a distinct degree, by the body which called itself 'the Grand Lodge of

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England, according to the old Constitution,' but which is more familiarly known as the Dermot or the Athol Grand Lodge, and frequently as 'the Ancients.'"

Now, if it be true that the "essential character" of the Royal Arch was originally a part of the Master Mason's degree, it would seem to necessarily follow that the qualifications to receive should be the same, regardless of the number of the degree in which it is received. But as there is some diversity of opinion on that point, we will refer to the action of some of the Grand Bodies bearing on the question of physical qualifications. We have not been able to find any opinion expressed upon the question directly before us, that is, as to the loss of the "right foot."

The Grand Chapter of Ohio, in 1849, adopted the following:

"*Resolved*, That it is improper and contrary to the well established rules and regulations governing Royal Arch Masonry, to confer the degrees over which a Royal Arch Chapter has jurisdiction, upon one who is not of hale and entire limbs."

This resolution was the result of an application to confer the degrees upon one who had lost the right arm.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, in 1851, uses this language: "We consider the original rule that the candidate shall be of 'hale and entire limbs, as a man ought to be,' can not be changed or modified by any changes which may have been introduced by reason of the more modern speculative character of Masonry."

The Grand Chapter of New York, in 1852, adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That we do not believe that Chapters have a right to confer the degrees upon Master Masons who have lost an arm, or who are under disability either to receive the degrees in Masonry, impart them, or be recognized as a regularly made companion."

In 1850, the General Grand Chapter of the United States appointed a Committee consisting of Companions Philip Tucker, Scott J. Tallman and William T. Gould, to report on the physi-

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cal qualifications of candidates, at its next triennial meeting, which was held at Lexington, Kentucky, in September, 1853. The committee, after a pretty thorough examination of the subject, as is shown by the report, failed to offer anything definite for action, but Companion Tucker offered this resolution:

"*Resolved*, That it is competent and Masonically lawful for Royal Arch Chapters to confer the respective degrees of Masonry, within their jurisdictions upon all candidates whose defects of bodily qualifications are not such as to prevent them from conforming literally to what such degrees respectively required, if in other respects qualified."

Companion Mackey moved to amend by striking out all after the word resolved, and insert, "that no Royal Arch Chapter should take a candidate unless he be a perfect man, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art." Companion Gilman moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after the word "that" and insert, "it is incompetent for Royal Arch Chapters to confer the respective degrees of Masonry upon candidates whose physical defects are such as to prevent them from conforming literally to all the requirements of those degrees." The amendment to the amendment was adopted.

In 1863, the Grand Chapter of New York, in accordance with the resolution it had adopted in 1852, as above quoted, decided that a Master Mason who had lost his left arm after being a Master Mason could not be made a Royal Arch Mason.

In 1864, the Committee on Jurisprudence of this Grand Chapter, made a report on the question of physical qualifications, in which it used the following language: "Your committee would suggest that a brother who had lost his left arm could not comply literally with the ceremonies of either of the degrees, not only in one, but in many particulars." And further, "your committee further believe that it is best to adhere strictly to the old 'landmarks'—that all applicants for the privileges of Masonry must be perfect, 'having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art.'" This

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report, after full discussion, was adopted by the Grand Chapter, by a majority of ninety-nine out of one hundred and fifteen.

In the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, in 1852, a committee reported in favor of leaving the decision of the qualifications of the candidate to the Chapter to which application was made for the degrees, but what action the Grand Chapter took upon the report, we are not advised. The same year this Grand Chapter adopted a resolution leaving the question to the judgment of the subordinate Chapter. Such legislation being productive of such a diversity of decisions and confusion of practice, as to be of very doubtful propriety to say the least of it.

By a close examination of the fourth of the old charges, we may not only learn what are the qualifications necessary to receive the degrees, but also the reasons for the law, the principal one of which is, that all Masons should be on a level, equally eligible and able to fill all offices. A man with but one foot or one hand, or who could not see or could not hear, could never fill any office, because he could not either truly learn or teach the rituals. The law don't leave us barely to infer that these are the reasons of its wording, but it plainly sets forth the fact by adding, "that so when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to merit."

There is, perhaps, no principle in Masonry better settled or more universally admitted than that those who seek admission must be free from any maim or defect that would render him incapable of learning and teaching the Royal Art; but what is such a maim or defect is not so well settled as to prevent differences of opinion, and upon which there is less unanimity than there is upon the point that he must be capable.

While Masonry was more operative than speculative there was less difficulty in deciding the question. While it was more operative, many of its important landmarks were adopted and upon which speculative Masonry was constructed. These land-

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marks are unchangable. If we may change one we may change another and another, until all might be removed. If we may change the physical, why not the moral and the mental; why not take the youth in his non-age, the aged in dotage, the atheist, the irreligious libertine, the madman, the idiot? yea, why not accept the mother and sister, the wife and daughter? These must all submit to the unchangable laws of the institution. If it is only the mental and moral qualifications that recommends the applicant, the "better half" of our race is eminently qualified for admission; but the law forbids, and they submit without a murmur. Many who have lost an arm or a foot may be both morally and mentally qualified, but not physically, and why should they not also submit? It is their misfortune, not the fault of the law. The sightless and speechless may be endowed with the highest intellectual qualifications, but the law forbids their admission, and we have no more right to now change the law, than we have power to restore the sight or the hearing. Let us not remove the landmarks our fathers have set. The weight of authority is largely against the admission of the maimed, and the Committee are of the opinion that the loss of any limb necessary to learn and teach the art is such a defect that renders an applicant disqualified to receive any of the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, and that the loss of a foot, whether the right or the left, is such a defect as to render the applicant disqualified.

We offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the loss of an arm or a foot renders an applicant disqualified to receive any of the degrees conferred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. Hazelrigg,
William Hacker,
Committee.

And moved its adoption, which was seconded and discussed at some length by several companions, where-

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upon, after some discussion, participated in by several companions, Companion Christian Fetta offered the following amendment, to-wit:

WHEREAS, By the ancient regulations the deformity of an individual operates as a bar to his admission into the fraternity; but in view of the fact that this regulation was adopted for the government of the craft at a period when they united the character of operative with that of speculative Masonry, therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter in common with most of her sister Grand Chapters of this country and in Europe, would authorize such a construction of the regulation as, that where the deformity does not amount to an inability to meet the requirements of the ritual, and honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, it constitutes no hinderance to receiving the Chapter degrees.

Which, after some further discussion, was rejected; and then the original report was concurred in and the accompanying resolution adopted.

M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

Companion Rice, from the Select Committee, submitted the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the M. E. Grand High Priest's address, submit the following report:

1. That so much as relates to Jay Chapter, No. 67, to Kokomo Chapter, No. 31, and to Salem Chapter, No. 38, be referred to the Committee on Charters.

2. That so much as relates to changing the name of our annual meetings from Communication to Convocation, be referred to a select committee.

3. That so much as relates to the organization of new Chapters, to the duplicate dispensation issued to Elkhart Chap-

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ter, and to the dispensation to organize Newton Stewart Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

4. That so much as pertains to interrogatories answered by the M. E. Grand High Priest, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN H. RICE,
GEO. H. FISH,
A. P. CHARLES,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

And thereupon, and in pursuance of the foregoing report, Companions Martin H. Rice, Erastus W. H. Ellis and Harvey G. Hazelrigg, were appointed the Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address "as relates to changing the name of our annual meetings from Communications to Convocations."

BUSINESS REFERRED WITHOUT READING.

On motion of Companion Peden, it was

Resolved, That all business for the Grand Chapter proper to be referred to any of the standing committees, be so referred without reading.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

On motion of Companion Inman H. Fowler, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter proceed at once to the election of grand officers for the ensuing year; and thereupon the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions John O. Reay and Thomas B. Long, tellers, who, after receiving and

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counting the ballots, announced the following companions as having received a majority of all the votes cast, who were severally declared duly elected, to-wit:

M. E. GEORGE H. FISH, of Evansville, Grand High Priest.

R. E. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, of Crawfordsville, Deputy Grand High Priest.

R. E. REUBEN PEDEN, of Knightstown, Grand King.

R. E. SIMEON S. JOHNSON, of Jeffersonville, Grand Scribe.

R. E. CHARLES FISHER, of Indianapolis, Grand Treasurer.

R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Appointed Grand Officers.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments of Grand Officers, made by the Grand High Priest elect, which were concurred in, to-wit:

E. Rev. JAMES H. HUTCHINSON, of Elkhart, Grand Chaplain.

E. MARTIN H. RICE, of Indianapolis, Grand Captain of the Hosts.

E. EDWARD S. ROSS, of Wabash, Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Companion WILLIAM M. BLACK, of Indianapolis, Grand Guard.

And then, after prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Chapter, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, was called from refreshment to labor.

Present, the same Grand Officers and members as on yesterday.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, October 21, 1874.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana:

The Committee on Credentials submit the following report, showing the names of duly authorized Representatives of subordinate Chapters, in the present Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to-wit:

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
1	Madison, ...	
2	Logan, ...	L. C. Miles.
3	LaFayette, ...	Thomas A. Carnahan.
4	King Solomon's, ...	Christian Fetta, proxy.
5	Indianapolis, ...	John Ebert.
6	Keystone, ...	Martin H. Rice, proxy.
7	Vincennes, ...	
8	Greensburgh, ...	James L. Fugit, proxy.
9	Cambridge, ...	Kos. Wheelan, proxy.
10	Columbus, ...	Isham Keith.
11	Terre Haute, ...	Thomas B. Long.

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
12	Evansville, ...	Charles H. Butterfield.
13	Aurora, ...	John Walker.
14	Noblesville, ...	C. B. Williams.
15	LaPorte, ...	George C. Dorland.
16	Brookville, ...	Casper Fogal.
17	New Albany, ...	Robert J. Shaw.
18	Maxwell, ...	George R. Chitwood
19	Fort Wayne, ...	J. A. Stillwagon.
20	Shelby, ...	William Hacker, proxy.
21	Delphi, ...	Edward Walker.
22	GreenCastle, ...	W. H. Smythe.
23	Mitchell, ...	E. S. McIntire.
24	Rush, ...	Benjamin L. Smith.
25	Michigan City, ...	James M. Hitchcock, proxy.
26	Wabash, ...	E. S. Ross.
27	Huntington, ...	LaGrange Severance.
29	South Bend, ...	Elmore Crockett.
30	Muncie, ...	S. A. Wilson.
31	Kokomo, ...	Corydon Richmond.
32	Milan, ...	Alexander Connelly.
33	Knightstown, ...	James Hall.
34	Hacker, ...	V. V. Williams, proxy.
35	Randolph, ...	William E. Murray.
36	LaGrange, ...	
37	Parke, ...	John T. Price.

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
38	Salem, ...	Alva C. Trueblood.
39	Lebanon, ...	John M. Atkinson.
40	Crawfordsville, ...	F. M. Symmes, proxy.
41	Liberty, ...	Aaron G. Gardner.
42	Noble County, ...	J. C. Zimmerman.
43	Dunkirk, ...	Wm. N. Current.
44	McCordsville, ...	Harvey Cauldwell.
45	Goshen, ...	E. W. H. Ellis.
46	Danville, ...	Thomas N. Jones.
47	Chester, ...	Clark Williams.
48	Warsaw, ...	Eugene Sheffield, proxy.
49	Plymouth, ...	H. G. Thayer, proxy.
50	NewCastle, ...	George W. Burke.
51	Pendleton, ...	John J. Justice.
52	Anderson, ...	Addison D. Williams.
53	Lincoln, ...	W. G. McGlashon, proxy.
54	Columbia City, ...	H. VanOrsdall.
55	Marion, ...	D. P. Cubberly, proxy.
56	Lawrenceburg, ...	
57	Rockport, ...	John O. Reay.
58	Angola, ...	Wash. L. Wood.
59	Brazil, ...	Edward S. Hussey.
60	Clarksburg, ...	
61	Gosport, ...	J. L. Dunagan.
62	Peru, ...	

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
63	William Hacker, ...	John Butt.
64	Kendallville, ...	John L. Gallup.
65	Franklin, ...	Wm. W. Mitchell.
66	Horeb, ...	Calvin H. Prather.
67	Jay, ...	
68	Vernon, ...	Joseph Hole.
69	Beharrell, ...	
70	Bloomington, ...	C. P. Luly.
71	Oceola, ...	Benj. Hayward.
72	Cannelton, ...	Robert Payne.
73	Mt. Vernon, ...	Sylvanus Miller, proxy.
74	Westfield, ...	
75	Princeton, ...	John M. Ryan.
76	Warrick, ...	Wm. J. Hargrave, proxy.
77	Spencer, ...	Inman H. Fowler.
78	Plainfield, ...	Isaac A. Johnson.
79	Valparaiso, ...	William E. Brown.
80	Loogootee, ...	David Geary.
81	Jerusalem, ...	
82	Clinton, ...	
83	Mishawaka, ...	Geo. V. Burkit.
84	Bloomfield, ...	Jason N. Conley.
85	Seymour, ...	A. P. Charles.
86	Centreville, ...	
87	Hartford City, ...	Wm. A. Bonham.

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
88	Leavenworth, ...	E R. Hawn.
89	Kentland, ...	Peter H. Ward.
90	Rochester, ...	Philip Rowden.
U. D.	Elkhart, ...	J. H. Hutchison.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BRAMWELL,
L. A. FOOTE,
S. B. RICHARDSON
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Companion Charles submitted the following:

Elkhart Chapter, No. 91.

Your Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the records and by-laws of Elkhart Chapter, U. D., respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find the records neatly kept, and the by-laws in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a charter be granted the companions at Elkhart, in Elkhart county, by the name of Elkhart Chapter, No. 91, and that Companion James H. Hutchinson be appointed High Priest, Companion Ovid C. Hill, King, and Companion E. H. Keene, Scribe.

Newton Stewart Chapter, U. D.

Your Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's address relating to the

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dispensation issued to companions at Newton Stewart, Orange county, respectfully recommend, that as the companions are desirous of organizing a Chapter at that place, the dispensation be continued in force until the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, unless sooner revoked by proper authority.

Elkhart Chapter, U. D. in 1870.

Your Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred so much of the Grand High Priest's address as relates to the issuing in 1870, of a dispensation for the formation of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Elkhart, in Elkhart county, recommend that, inasmuch as the companions at that place never organized under said dispensation, but returned the same to the Grand Chapter, and have since organized under a dispensation issued in January, 1874, the fee for the first dispensation be returned to the petitioners.

A. P. CHARLES,
J. M. RYAN,
ROBERT J. SHAW,
Committee.

Which were severally concurred in.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Companion Long submitted the following:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana:

Your Committee on Claims are of the opinion that an allowance of one hundred dollars should be made to M. E. Alexander Thomas, Grand High Priest, for time employed and expenses incurred by him during the last year, and for services rendered in the arduous duties of compiling and preparing the report on foreign correspondence.

Also, an allowance of twenty dollars to Companion William M. Black, for services as Grand Guard during the present ses-

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sion of the Grand Chapter, and six dollars for washing aprons, making twenty-six dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS B. LONG,
LORENZO C. MILES.
BENJAMIN L. SMITH,
Committee.

Which was concurred in, the several sums allowed and ordered to be paid.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL.

Companion Ross submitted the following:

Your Committee on Pay-Roll, to whom was referred the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, have carefully examined the same, compared the books and accounts with the vouchers, and find them correct, the books well kept and in good order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. S. ROSS,
JOHN BUTT,
W. E. MURRAY,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

"Communication" Changed to "Convocation."

Companion Ellis submitted the following:

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. E. G. High Priest's address as relates to the use of the words *Communication* and *Convocation*, as applicable to this Annual Assembly, respectfully reports:

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The term *communication* is derived from the Latin verb *communico*, meaning to give to others, to impart, as to communicate intelligence. The noun implies the act of communicating or imparting, or it is used in the sense of conference, conversation, intercourse, per example: "Evil *communications* corrupt good manners." 1 Cor. xv, 33. "Abner had *communication* with the elders of Israel." 2 Sam. iii, 13. Or, we have railroad communication, or water communication between one point and another of the country. These are proper uses of the word, but nowhere in the language is it, or can it be properly used to express a meeting, or assembly of men for any purpose whatever. That it is so used by this, or any other Masonic body, does not justify such a perversion from the plain, specific meaning of the word, and is absurd and ridiculous. No other body of men is guilty of so far-fetched an absurdity. In religious bodies the Methodists have a *conference;* the Episcopalians a *convention* or *convocation;* the Catholics, a *council;* the Presbyterians, a *synod;* the Quakers, a yearly *meeting;* political bodies, also, have *conventions* and *meetings;* Congress and the legislature have *sessions*, but none are guilty of such a misappropriation of language as to hold *communications*. This invention was left to some genius in the Masonic body, and is just as proper as to call a horse an elephant.

Convocation is a more appropriate term, meaning a meeting or gathering, a convention. It is derived from the Latin verb *convoco*, to convoke, or call together. For example, "These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy *convocations*." Levit. xiii, 4 Its application to such an assembly as this is not objectionable, except so far as it may imply a called or convoked assembly, and is at all events vastly preferable to the other.

Neither of these words were in use by the fathers of Masonry, nor can they be found in any of the old Masonic writings. They had no *communications*, except to convey or impart information, as when they communicated the written or unwritten work of the Order. They had no *convocations*, except when they were convoked or called together; but they had *meetings* on

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high hills and in low valleys, and in lodge-rooms, and this is the appropriate word for all Masonic gatherings.

The Committee, however, have only to decide between the two words presented for their consideration, and therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the annual meetings of this Grand Chapter shall hereafter be termed the Annual *Convocation*.

E. W. H. Ellis,
Martin H. Rice,
H. G. Hazelrigg,
Committee.

Which was concurred in, and the accompanying resolution adopted.

TO PRINT REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

On motion of Companion Rice, it was

Resolved. That the report on foreign correspondence submitted by M. E. Alexander Thomas, Grand High Priest, be published as an appendix to the proceedings of the present Grand Conclave.

ORDER TO RELEASE FROM MORTGAGE.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Whereas, At the annual communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of Indiana, on the twenty-third day of October, 1873, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary thereof, were ordered to loan the surplus funds of said Grand Chapter for its benefit. In pursuance of which said order, the said Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, on the thirtieth day of October, 1873, loaned to John Ebert, of Indianapolis, the sum of five thousand dollars, secured by a mortgage on certain real estate therein described, (see record book No. 56, page 560 of the Records of Marion county, Indiana.)

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AND WHEREAS, The said John Ebert, since the date of said mortgage, has sold and transferred by deed of conveyance, a part of said real estate, to-wit: Commencing one hundred and twenty-six feet and ten inches east of the northwest corner of lot four, in out-block number eleven, thence south one hundred and ten feet, thence east twenty-five feet, thence north one hundred and ten feet, thence west twenty-five feet to the place of beginning, and has requested that the said parcel of ground be released from the said mortgage; therefore, on motion of Companion George H. Fish, it was

Resolved, That the said Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be, and they are hereby, authorized in their discretion to grant said request, and release said tract of land from said mortgage.

ORDER TO COLLECT MONEY ON NOTE.

The Grand Secretary stated that the note of Companion John M. Kerper, of LaFayette, dated June 1, 1870, for the sum of thirty-three dollars, payable to the Grand High Priest, King and Scribe of the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana, was still unpaid, and that having made repeated efforts to collect the money on it without success, he desired instructions from the Grand Chapter. Whereupon Companion Hazelrigg moved that the Grand Secretary be directed to return the said note to Companion Kerper.

Companion Ellis moved to amend by instructing the Grand Secretary to collect the money for the amount of said note and interest by law, which was agreed to, and as thus amended, the motion was adopted.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS

Jay Chapter, No. 67.

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand High Priest's address as relates to Jay Chapter, No. 67, submit the following:

Resolved, That the charter of Jay Chapter, No. 67, be declared forfeited, and that the M. E. Grand High Priest, immediately on the close of this Grand Convocation, demand said charter, together with the funds and other property of said Chapter.

Salem Chapter, No. 38.

Your Committee on Charters, to whom was referred so much of the annual address of the Grand High Priest as relates to Salem Chapter, No. 38, have had the same under consideration, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest is approved, and that a new charter be issued to the companions of Salem Chapter, No. 38, without charge, except Grand Secretary's fee.

Kokomo Chapter, No. 31.

Your Committee on Charters, to whom was referred so much of the annual address of the Grand High Priest as relates to Kokomo Chapter, No. 31, have had the same under consideration, and from all the information they have been able to obtain, find the following facts: That four years since, the hall of Kokomo Chapter, No 31, was destroyed by fire; that since that time, the charter of said Chapter has not been seen; and from all your Committee can learn, said Chapter has, for the last four years, been at work and represented in the Grand Chapter without a charter, and while your Committee think it a matter of surprise that no companion of said Chapter, especially her officers should have thought it a matter of sufficient importance to know whether or not they had a charter, but believing it to be an act of negligence and that only, we have thought best to offer the following:

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Resolved, That the action of the Grand High Priest in reference to Kokomo Chapter, No. 31, be approved, and that a duplicate charter be issued to said Chapter free of expense, except the Grand Secretary's fee.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. JOHNSON,
JASON N. CONLEY,
HENRY G. THAYER,
Committee.

Which were severally concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Decisions of M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion Hacker submitted the following:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the M. E Grand High Priest's address as relates to his decisions as reported, having considered the subject referred to them, submit the following report:

The several decisions of our M. E. Grand High Priest, as reported all being governed somewhat by surrounding local circumstances, were doubtless, in the main, correct.

The Committee, however, think that it is not strictly legal for a High Priest, under ordinary circumstances, to remove the place of meeting of his Chapter from one room or hall, to another, even in the same town or city, without the consent of his Chapter first being had. But under the extraordinary circumstances this special case seems to present, it perhaps was the best that could have been done at the time.

Your Committee also disagree with the M. E. Grand High Priest in another decision. As a general rule we think that an objection interposed after a clear ballot has been had is but a negative vote, and can have no more power or influence than the black ball, and upon the objection being made the High

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Priest should have declared the applicant rejected. This would have placed him only back into the position he occupied before his petition was presented to the Chapter. Were we to place a different construction upon our laws we think vast evil might ensue in consequence. A turbulent member might let the ballot pass, as in this case, even make a favorable report, as the committee to whom the petition had been referred, then interpose his objection, and thus preclude indefinitely the petitioner from advancing further or again petitioning that or any other Chapter for the degrees, however unworthy the objections might be.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. Hazelrigg,
William Hacker,
Thomas Pattison,
Committee.

Which were severally concurred in.

DELINQUENCY OF PERU CHAPTER, No. 62.

Comp. Ross called the attention of the Grand Chapter to the delinquency of Peru Chapter, No. 62, and thereupon, on motion of Comp. Rice, it was

Resolved, That the delinquency of Peru Chapter, No. 62, be referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest, with instructions that he take such action in the premises as may seem to be right and proper.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY ROLL.

Indianapolis, October, 23, 1874.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana

The Committee on Pay Roll submits the following allowances of mileage and per diem to members of the Grand Chapter at the present annual convocation, and recommend that a warrant be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the aggregate amount thereof.

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PAY-ROLL OF THE GRAND CHAPTER FOR 1874.

GRAND OFFICERS.	RESIDENCE.	Miles.	Mileage.	Days.	Per Diem	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
Grand High Priest	Terre Haute	75	$7.50	2	$6.00	$13.50	Alex. Thomas.
Deputy Grand High Priest	Evansville	182	18.20	2	6.00	24.20	George H. Fish.
Grand King	Crawfordsville	44	4.40	2	6.00	10.40	L. A. Foote.
Grand Scribe	Knightstown	35	3.50	2	6 00	9.50	R Peden.
Grand Treasurer	Indianapolis	. .	. . .	2	6.00	6.00	Charles Fisher.
Grand Secretary	Indianapolis	. .	. . .	2	6.00	6.00	John M. Bramwell.
Grand Chaplain	Indianapolis	. .	. . .	2	6 00	6.00	Thomas H. Lynch.
Grand Captain of the Hosts	Jeffersonville	108	10.80	2	6.00	16.80	S. S. Johnson.
Grand Royal Arch Captain	South Bend	176	17.60	2	6 00	23.60	O. H. Brusie.
Grand Guard	Indianapolis	.	. . .	2	6.00	6.00	William M. Black.
PERMANENT MEMBERS.							
E. W. H. Ellis, P. G. H. P.	Goshen.	. .	. . .	.	. . .	. . .	Paid as representative.
Harvey G. Hazelrigg, P. G H. P	Lebanon.	33	3.30	2	6.00	9.30	H. G. Hazelrigg.
W. Hacker	Shelbyville	. .	. . .	.	. . .	. . .	Paid as representative.
Thomas Newby	Cambridge City	. .	. . .	1	3 00	3.00	
Thomas Pattison	Rising Sun	. .	. . .	2	6.00	6.00	Thomas Pattison.
HONORARY MEMBER.							
John Leach	New Carlisle	162	16 20	2	6.00	22.20	John Leach.

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PAY-ROLL OF THE GRAND CHAPTER FOR 1874—CONTINUED.

NO.	CHAPTER.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.	Miles.	Mileage.	Days.	Per Diem	Total	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
1	Madison . . .	Madison	Jefferson	86	. . .	.	. . .	. . .	
2	Logan	Logansport . .	Cass	77	$7.70	2	$6.00	$13.70	L. C. Miles.
3	LaFayette . .	LaFayette . . .	Tippecanoe . . .	64	6.40	2	6.00	12.40	T. A. Carnahan.
4	King Solomon's,	Richmond . . .	Wayne	69	6.90	2	6.00	12.90	C. Fetta.
5	Indianapolis . .	Indianapolis . .	Marion	. .	. . .	2	6.00	6.00	John Ebert.
6	Keystone . . .	Indianapolis . .	Marion	. .	. . .	2	6.00	6.00	Martin H. Rice.
7	Vincennes . . .	Vincennes . . .	Knox	117	. . .	.	. . .	. . .	
8	Greensburgh . .	Greensburgh . .	Decatur	48	4.80	2	6.00	10.80	J. L. Fugit.
9	Cambridge . . .	Cambridge City .	Wayne	54	5 40	2	6.00	11.40	Kos Wheelan.
10	Columbus .	Columbus . . .	Bartholomew . .	41	4.10	2	6.00	10.10	J. Keith.
11	Terre Haute . .	Terre Haute . .	Vigo	73	7.30	2	6 00	13.30	Thomas B. Long.
12	Evansville . . .	Evansville . . .	Vanderburgh .	182	18.20	2	6.00	24.20	C. K. Drew.
13	Aurora	Aurora	Dearborn . . .	107	10.70	2	6.00	16 70	John Walker.
14	Noblesville . .	Noblesville . . .	Hamilton . . .	22	2 20	2	6.00	8.20	
15	LaPorte	LaPorte . . .	LaPorte	148	14.80	2	6.00	20.80	Geo. C. Dorland.
16	Brookville . . .	Brookville . . .	Franklin . . .	90	9 00	2	6.00	15 00	Casper Fogel.
17	New Albany .	New Albany . .	Floyd	114	11 40	2	6.00	17.40	Robert J. Shaw.
18	Maxwell	Connersville . .	Fayette	66	6.60	2	6.00	12.60	G. R. Chitwood.
19	Fort Wayne . .	Fort Wayne . .	Allen	119	11.90	2	6.00	17.90	J. A. Stillwagon.
20	Shelby	Shelbyville . .	Shelby	26	2.60	2	6.00	8.60	William Hacker.
21	Delphi	Delphi	Carroll	82	8.20	2	6 00	14.20	E. Walker.
22	GreenCastle . .	GreenCastle .	Putnam	40	4.00	2	6.00	10.00	Will H. Smythe.
23	Mitchell	Mitchell	Lawrence . . .	110	11.00	2	6.00	17.00	E. S. McIntire.
24	Rush	Rushville . . .	Rush	36	3.60	2	6.00	9.60	B. L. Smith.
25	Michigan City . .	Michigan City .	Laporte	156	15.60	2	6.00	21.60	J. M. Hitchcock.

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26	Wabash	Wabash	Wabash	88	8 80	2	$6 00	$14.80	E. S. Ross.
27	Huntington	Huntington	Huntington	108	10.80	2	6.00	16.80	LaGrange Severance.
29	South Bend	South Bend	St. Joseph	176	17.60	2	6 00	23.60	Elmer Crockett.
30	Muncie	Muncie	Delaware	54	5.40	2	6.00	11.40	S. A. Wilson.
31	Kokomo	Kokomo	Howard	54	5.40	2	6.00	11.40	C. Richmond.
32	Milan	Moore's Hill	Dearborn.	100	10.00	2	6.00	16.00	A. Connelley.
33	Knightstown	Knightstown	Henry	35	3.50	2	6.00	9.50	James Hall.
34	Hacker	Bedford	Lawrence	110	11.00	2	6.00	17.00	V. V. Williams.
35	Randolph	Winchester	Randolph	75	7.50	2	6.00	13.50	W. E. Murray.
36	LaGrange	LaGrange	LaGrange			2			
37	Parke	Rockville	Parke	72	7.20	2	6.00	13.20	J. T. Price.
38	Salem	Salem	Washington	140	14.00	2	6.00	20 00	Alva C. Trueblood.
39	Boone	Lebanon	Boone	28	2.80	2	6.00	8 80	J. M. Atkinson.
40	Crawfordsville	Crawfordsville	Montgomery	44	4 40	2	6.00	10 40	F. M. Symmes.
41	Liberty	Liberty	Union	75	7.50	2	6.00	13 50	A. G. Gardner.
42	Noble County	Ligonier	Noble	175	17.50	2	6.00	23.50	J. C. Zimmerman.
43	Dunkirk	Dunkirk	Jay	108	10.80	2	6.00	16.80	Wm. N. Current.
44	McCordsville	McCordsville	Hancock	14	14.40	2	6.00	7.40	Harvey Cauldwell.
45	Goshen	Goshen	Elkhart	160	16.00	2	6.00	22.00	E. W. H. Ellis.
46	Danville	Danville	Hendricks	25	2.50	2	6.00	8.50	Thomas N. Jones.
47	Chester	N. Manchester.	Wabash	102	10.20	2	6.00	16.20	C. Williams.
48	Warsaw	Warsaw	Kosciusko	120	12.00	2	6.00	18.00	E. A. Sheffield.
49	Plymouth	Plymouth	Marshall	118	11.80	2	6.00	17.80	H G. Thayer.
50	New Castle.	New Castle	Henry	50	5.00	2	6.00	11.00	G. W. Burke.
51	Pendleton	Pendleton	Madison	28	2.80	2	6.00	8.80	John J. Justice.
52	Anderson	Anderson	Madison	40	4.00	2	6 00	10.00	A. D. Williams.
53	Lincoln	Crown Point	Lake	153	15.30	2	6.00	21.30	W. G. McGlashon.
54	Columbia City	Columbia City	Whitley	125	12.50	2	6.00	18.50	H. Van Orsdoll.
55	Marion	Marion	Grant	95	9.50	2	6.00	15.50	D. P. Cubberly.
56	Lawrenceburgh,	Lawrenceburgh,	Dearborn	90					
57	Rockport	Rockport	Spencer	232	23.20	2	6.00	29.20	John O. Reay.
58	Angola	Angola	Steuben	170	17.00	2	6.00	23.00	W. L. Wood.
59	Brazil	Brazil	Clay	55	5.50	2	6.00	11.50	E. S. Hussey.

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NO.	CHAPTER.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.	Miles.	Mileage.	Days.	Per Diem	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
60	Clarksburg . . .	Clarksburg . . .	Decatur	58	. . .	.	. . .	. . .	
61	Gosport	Gosport	Owen	65	$6.50	2	$6.00	$12.50	T. C. Baily.
62	Peru	Peru	Miami	75	. . .	.	. . .	. . .	
63	William Hacker,	Waterloo	DeKalb	154	15.40	2	6.00	21.40	John Butt.
64	Kendallville . .	Kendallville . .	Noble	154	15.40	2	6.00	21.40	J. L. Gallup.
65	Franklin	Franklin	Johnson	20	2.00	2	6.00	8.00	W. H. Mitchell.
66	Horeb	Jeffersonville . .	Clark	108	10.80	2	6.00	16.80	Calvin Prather.
67	Jay	Portland	Jay	100	. . .	.	. . .	. . .	
68	Vernon	Vernon	Jennings	64	6.40	2	6.00	12.40	Joseph Hole.
69	Beharrell	Florence	Switzerland . . .	135	. . .	.	. . .	. . .	
70	Bloomington . .	Bloomington . .	Monroe	80	8.00	2	6.00	14.00	C. P. Tuly.
71	Oceola	Martinsville . .	Morgan	26	2.60	1	3.00	5.60	
72	Cannelton . . .	Cannelton . . .	Perry	238	23.80	2	6.00	29.80	R. Payne.
73	Mt. Vernon . . .	Mt. Vernon . .	Posey	200	20.00	2	6.00	26.00	S. Milner.
74	Westfield	Westfield . . .	Hamilton . . .	27	. . .	.	. . .	. . .	
75	Princeton . . .	Princeton . . .	Gibson	155	15.50	2	6.00	21.50	J. M. Ryan.
76	Warrick	Boonville . . .	Warrick	197	19.70	2	6.00	25.70	W. J. Hargrave.
77	Spencer	Spencer	Owen	73	7.30	2	6.00	13.30	I. H. Fowler.
78	Plainfield	Plainfield	Hendricks . . .	14	1.40	2	6.00	7.40	I. A. Johnson.
79	Valparaiso . . .	Valparaiso . . .	Porter	158	15.80	2	6.00	21.80	Wm. E. Brown.
80	Loogootee . . .	Loogootee . . .	Martin	95	9.50	2	6.00	15.50	David Garey.
81	Jerusalem . . .	Sullivan	Sullivan	100	. . .	.	. . .	. . .	
82	Clinton	Frankfort . . .	Clinton	53	. . .	..	. . .	. . .	
83	Mishawaka . . .	Mishawaka . . .	St. Joseph . . .	180	18.00	2	6.00	24.00	Geo. V. Byrkit.
84	Bloomfield . . .	Bloomfield . . .	Greene	80	8.00	2	6.00	14.00	Jason N. Conley.

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85	Seymour	Seymour	Jackson	59	$5.90	2	$6.00	$11.90	A. P. Charles.
86	Centreville . . .	Centreville . . .	Wayne	62	. . .	.	. . .	. . .	
87	Hartford	Hartford City . .	Blackford . . .	74	7.40	2	6.00	13.40	W. A. Bonham.
88	Leavenworth . .	Leavenworth . .	Crawford . . .	174	17.40	2	6.00	23.40	R. R Hawn.
89	Kentland . . .	Kentland . . .	Newton	120	12 00	2	6.00	18.00	Wm Perry.
90	Rochester . . .	Rochester . . .	Fulton	99	9 90	2	6.00	15.90	Philip Rowden.
U. D.	Elkhart.	Elkhart	Elkhart	154	15 40	2	6.00	21.40	J. H. Hutchinson.
					$820.90		$546.00	1.366.90	

E. S. Ross,
JOHN BUTT,
W. E. MURRAY,
Committee.

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Which was concurred in and the several sums ordered to be paid.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to install the Grand Officers elect and appointed for the ensuing year, agreeably to the forms and ceremonies prescribed by this Grand Chapter, M. E. Alexander Thomas, Grand High Priest, presiding and conducting the ceremonies, assisted by M. E. Thomas Pattison, P. G. H. Priest, as Grand Marshal, and Comp. Rev. Thomas H. Lynch Grand Chaplain.

INSTRUCTION TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

"Communication" changed to "Convocation."

Comp. J. M. Atkinson offered the following:

Whereas, At the present convocation the following resolution has been adopted, viz: "*Resolved*, That the annual meeting of this Grand Chapter shall hereafter be termed the annual convocation," therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter be and are hereby instructed that in their by-laws and future records the word "convocation" be substituted for "communication."

Which was concurred in and adopted.

THANKS.

On motion of Comp. Hacker it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to our M. E. Companion Alex. Thomas, and other Past Grand officers, for the satisfactory and efficient manner in which they have managed the affairs of the Grand Chapter for the past year.

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CLOSING.

The Grand Chapter having completed its labors, and no further business appearing, proceeded to close in ample and solemn form, to meet again in annual convocation in the city of Indianapolis, at 2 o'clock P. M, "on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October" A. D. 1875, A. I. 2405, (October 20, 1875.)

GEORGE H. FISH,
Grand High Priest.

John M Bramwell
Grand Secretary.

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TABULAR STATEMENT.

Of the work of the several Chapters subordinate to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of Indiana, from September 1st, 1873, to August 31st, 1874.

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Mark Masters.	Past Masters.	M E. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Reinstated.	Affiliated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended for Non-pay't dues.	Suspended for Unmas'c con.	Expelled.	Total Number of Members.
1	Madison	4	3	3	3	.	1	.	2	1	. .	.	42
2	Logan	11	11	12	10	.	1	.	2	. .	. .	1	88
3	LaFayette	16	16	18	20	.	2	2	2	3	. .	.	108
4	King Solomon's	4	1	.	1	.	1	1	2	. .	. .	.	112
5	Indianapolis	10	10	8	8	.	2	.	2	. .	. .		159
6	Keystone	9	9	9	9	.	5	.	.	. .	. .	.	81
7	Vincennes	2	2	2	1	.	1	.	4	. .	. .	.	42
8	Greensburgh	2	2	2	2	1	.	2	3	1	. .	1	41
9	Cambridge	2	2	2	2	.	.	2	2	. .	. .	.	105
10	Columbus	4	4	4	3	.	4	1	1	. .	. .	4	95
11	Terre Haute	11	16	16	16	.	1	1	.	2	. .	.	187
12	Evansville	13	14	14	13	.	1	1	2	. .	. .	1	87
13	Aurora	10	9	7	7	1	1	.	.	. .	. .	.	48
14	Noblesville	2	4	4	4	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	33
15	LaPorte	14	13	15	16	.	1	1	2	. .	. .	.	83
16	Brookville	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	33
17	New Albany	5	5	5	5	1	1	.	7	7	1	5	42
18	Maxwell	12	12	12	12	.	.	.	1	. .	. .	.	52
19	Fort Wayne	12	12	13	14	.	.	1	1	2	. .	.	176
20	Shelby	7	3	3	2	.	.	3	1	. .	. .	1	91
21	Delphi	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	26
22	Green Castle	9	7	9	9	.	.	1	3	. .	. .	.	72
23	Mitchell	3	3	2	2	.	1	.	7	. .	. .	1	46
24	Rush	9	8	10	13	.	.	.	2	. .	. .	.	48
25	Michigan City	18	16	18	18	1	2	.	.	4	. .	.	53
26	Wabash	2	1	3	3	.	1	.	.	. .	. .	.	44
27	Huntington	9	9	9	9	.	.	.	4	. .	. .	.	49
29	South Bend	15	14	16	16	.	3	.	1	. .	. .	.	147
30	Muncie	21	20	20	18	.	.	2	3	. .	. .	.	132
31	Kokomo	4	3	4	3	.	.	.	1	5	. .	.	39
32	Milan	6	6	4	4	.	.	.	1	. .	. .	.	56
33	Knightstown	6	6	6	6	2	.	1	3	10	. .	.	87
34	Hacker	7	7	8	9	.	1	.	.	. .	. .	.	30
35	Randolph	2	2	2	1		2	.	.	1	1	5	37
36	LaGrange	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. .
37	Parke	6	4	4	6	.	1	3	1	. .	. .	.	36

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No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Mark Masters.	Past Masters.	M. E. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Reinstated.	Affiliated	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended for Non-pay't dues.	Suspended for Unmas'c con.	Expelled.	Total Number of Members.
38	Salem	3	3	5	4	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	37
39	Lebanon	4	3	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	44
40	Crawfordsville	1	2	2	2	.	2	1	.	.	.	1	72
42	Noble County	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
43	Dunkirk	1	3	3	4	.	.	1	.	.	1	1	47
44	McCordsville	5	3	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	34
45	Goshen	8	7	6	6	.	.	1	6	.	.	.	62
46	Danville	1	1	1	3	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	39
47	Chester	3	2	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	24
48	Warsaw	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	57
49	Plymouth	11	11	11	13	.	2	4	5	.	.	.	59
50	New Castle	5	5	5	5	.	.	1	1	1	.	.	66
51	Pendleton	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	32
52	Anderson	2	2	2	2	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	70
53	Lincoln	9	11	10	11	1	.	1	3	.	.	.	49
54	Columbia City	1	1	1	.	.	2	1	1	.	.	.	38
55	Marion	6	6	7	8	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	90
56	Lawrenceburgh	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	32
57	Rockport	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	31
58	Angola	6	9	7	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
59	Brazil	7	6	9	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
60	Clarksburg	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	23
61	Gosport	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	3	1	.	.	63
62	Peru	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
63	William Hacker	3	3	3	3	.	1	.	.	2	.	1	35
64	Kendallville	9	9	9	6	.	.	1	4	2	.	.	67
65	Franklin	5	5	7	7	.	.	1	10	.	.	1	67
66	Horeb	4	4	4	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	47
67	Jay	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
68	Vernon	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
69	Beharrell	2	2	2	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	34
70	Bloomington	5	5	5	5	.	.	2	3	.	.	.	18
71	Oceola	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
72	Cannelton	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	19
73	Mt. Vernon	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	18
74	Westfield	3	1	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	16
75	Princeton	10	9	10	8	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	46
76	Warrick	3	3	3	3	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	29
77	Spencer	8	3	3	3	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	33
78	Plainfield	4	4	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
79	Valparaiso	4	3	3	3	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	60
80	Loogootee	7	7	6	6	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	31
81	Jerusalem	2	2	2	2	.	1	1	2	1	.	.	38
82	Clinton	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Mark Masters	Past Masters.	M. E. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Reinstated.	Affiliated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended for Non-pay't dues.	Suspended for Unmas'c con.	Expelled.	Total Number of Members.
83	Mishawaka	3	3	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	35
84	Bloomington	6	6	6	6	.	2	2	1	.	.	.	30
85	Seymour	2	2	2	3	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	36
86	Centreville	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Hartford City	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	23
88	Leavenworth	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	29
89	Kentland	4	5	7	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
U. D.	Elkhart	21	21	21	20	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	31
	Totals, 1874	455	436	447	441	9	59	49	122	44	9	24	4567
	Totals, 1873	370	334	345	356	11	33	69	97	41	. .	11	4332
	Increase	85	102	102	85	.	26	.	25	12	. .	13	235
	Decrease	.	.	.	.	2	.	20	.	. .	. .	.	. .

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DEATHS.

MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS WHO DIED FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1873, TO AUGUST 31, 1874.

Burson, E. T., King Solomon's Chapter, No. 4, December 30, 1873.
Bell, James A., Parke Chapter, No. 37, October 22, 1873.
Barcus, John M., Crawfordsville Chapter, No. 40, January 22, 1874.
Basler, Ferdinand, Jerusalem Chapter, No. 81, December 15, 1873.
Buskirk, George A., Bloomington Chapter, No. 70, July 22, 1874.
Boynton, A. G., Columbus Chapter, No. 10, May 31, 1874.

Campbell, James C., LaFayette Chapter, No. 3, January 21, 1874.
Conover, Garrett, GreenCastle Chapter, No. 22, June 21, 1874.
Clevinger, W., Warsaw Chapter, No. 48, September 10, 1873.
Chilt, Christian, Plymouth Chapter, No. 49, August 23, 1874.
Chapman A., Lincoln Chapter, No. 53, January 27, 1874.
Creasey, Lawrence P., Franklin Chapter, No. 65, ——— ———

Dressarer, Louis, Fort Wayne Chapter, No. 19, March 3, 1874.
Deer, George, Columbia City Chapter, No. 54, August 6, 1874.

Elliott, James, Shelby Chapter, No. 20, August 20, 1874.
Evans, George W., Dunkirk Chapter, No. 43, August 3, 1874.
Eisenhour, Samuel F., Goshen Chapter, No. 45, November 24, 1873.

Fry, Salem F., LaFayette Chapter, No. 3, November, ——
Foley, Wm. H., McCordsville Chapter, No. 44, ——— ———

Hickey, M., Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11, June 27, 1874.
Hunt, Alvis, Parke Chapter, No. 37, unknown.
Hogate, C. F., Danville Chapter, No. 46, March 16, 1874.

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DEATHS—CONTINUED.

Hunt, Archellis, Plymouth Chapter, No. 49, October 27, 1873.
Hunter, John G., Bloomfield Chapter, No. 84, October 10, 1873.

Isbel, Joel, Kendallville Chapter, No. 64, ——— ——

Jacks, Reuben, Parke Chapter, No. 37, May 25, 1874.
Jenkins, Nathan S., Leavenworth Chapter, No. 88, May 8, 1874.

Kirk, Thomas F., Shelby Chapter, No. 20, June 1, 1874.

Lemon, Thomas D., LaPorte Chapter, No. 15, July 11, 1874.
Lyons, Joseph, Bloomfield Chapter, No. 84, November 30, 1873.

McCartney, Joseph, Greensburgh Chapter, No. 8, November 29, 1873.
McCullough, Johnson, Bloomington Chapter, No. 70, January 17, 1873.
Morrison, Hugh M., Shelby Chapter, No. 20, ——— ———
Makepeace, James T., Muncie Chapter, No. 30, August 28, 1874.
Mowrer, Nicholas, New Castle Chapter, No. 50, March 7, 1874.
Miller, John A., Rockport Chapter, No. 57, April 26, 1874.

Osborn, J. G., Plymouth Chapter, No. 49, October 5, 1873.

Pinney, J. C., Valparaiso Chapter, No. 79, ——— ———

Quick, Nicholas, Westfield Chapter, No. 74, ——— ———

Richardson, M. W., Greensburgh Chapter, No. 8, September 13, 1873.
Reece, Kendall, Cambridge Chapter, No. 9, August —, 1874.

Strawn, Merriman, Cambridge Chapter, No. 9, March —, 1874.
Singer, Enion, Danville Chapter, No. 46, May 2, 1874.

Trueblood, Jason, Knightstown Chapter, No. 33, September 6, 1873.

Vinall, J. J., Plymouth Chapter, No. 49, January 28, 1874.

Winslow, Wm. M., Muncie Chapter, No. 30, August 20, 1874.
Wolflin, George, Evansville Chapter, No. 12, October 23, 1873.

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF INDIANA, NEAR SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS.

Name.	*Residence.*	*Gr. Chapter.*
Richard M. Edwards	Cleveland, Tenn	Tennessee.
Peleg Brown	Mobile, Ala	Alabama.
John F. Houston	Richmond, Mo	Missouri.
James Seymour	St. Catharines, Ont	Canada.
Robert W. Furnas	Brownville, Neb	Nebraska.
Jacob D. Rush	Fort Scott, Kan	Kansas.
Thomas Hardeman	Grenada, Miss	Mississippi.
Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago, Ill	Illinois.
William Wallace Lee	West Meriden	Connecticut.
Charles L. Chovey		New Jersey.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF INDIANA.

Name.	*Residence.*	*Gr. Chapter.*
Sol. D. Bayless	Fort Wayne	Minnesota.
Sol. D. Bayless	Fort Wayne	Wisconsin.
Harvey G. Hazelrigg	Lebanon	Tennessee.
William Hacker	Shelbyville	Nebraska.
Rees J. Chesnutwood	South Bend	Mississippi.
Rees J. Chesnutwood	South Bend	Illinois.
LaGrange Severance	Huntington	Maine.
Christian Fetta	Richmond	Connecticut.
Lucien A. Foote	Crawfordsville	New Jersey.

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APPENDIX.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana:

Since our last Grand Convocation I have received the proceedings of the following sister Grand Chapters, and have made such extracts therefrom and comments thereon, as would seem to be of general interest to the Royal Craft:

Alabama . . . . . 1873.
Arkansas . . . . . 1873.
California . . . . . 1874.
Canada . . . . . 1873.
Connecticut . . . . . 1874.
Delaware . . . . . 1874.
District of Columbia . . . . . 1873.
Florida . . . . . 1873 and 1874.
Georgia . . . . . 1874.
Illinois . . . . . 1873.
Iowa . . . . . 1873.
Kansas . . . . . 1873.
Kentucky . . . . . 1873.
Louisiana . . . . . 1874.
Maine . . . . . 1874.
Maryland . . . . . 1873.
Massachusetts . . . . . 1873.
Michigan . . . . . 1874.
Minnesota . . . . . 1873.
Mississippi . . . . . 1874.
Missouri . . . . . 1873.
New Hampshire . . . . . 1873.

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New Jersey . . . . . 1873.
New York . . . . . 1874.
Nova Scotia . . . . . 1873.
Ohio . . . . . 1873.
Oregon . . . . . 1873.
Pennsylvania . . . . . 1873.
South Carolina . . . . . 1874.
Tennessee . . . . . 1873.
Texas . . . . . 1873 and 1874.
Vermont . . . . . 1873.
Virginia . . . . . 1873.
West Virginia . . . . . 1872 and 1873.
Wisconsin . . . . . 1874.

ALABAMA.

The Forty-Seventh Annual Grand Convocation was held at Masonic Temple in the city of Montgomery, December 2, 1873.

Companion Myles J. Greene, Grand High Priest, and Companion Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest presents a most beautiful address, in which he portrays the true principles of Masonry.

"This is the humble, yet mighty, foundation stone, upon which is erected that great edifice before whose moral grandeur the most brilliant triumphs of architectural genius pale their ineffectual fires."

He bewails the disturbed and unsettled condition of affairs generally, and among officials in particular. He says:

"Society is heaving to and fro, like the incipient warnings of an earthquake. Mighty and radical changes are being wrought in our social fabric. The tendency downward, in the scale of morality, is fearfully rapid. Corruption stalks abroad in the land with bold and defiant mein; and public opinion has resigned her whilom throne as the regulator of public virtue. In view of the darkness that threatens to envelop our social and moral horizons, the good and the true are seeking a refuge from the impending storm. The fixed and steady purpose to pursue the right, seek to be buoyed up by association with those who have banded themselves together for the cultivation and promotion of virtuous conduct." * * * * "Suffer not your energies to be repressed, nor the voice of conscience to be silenced, by the apparent hopelessness of accomplishing great results. For, as an aggregation of little drops constitute the ocean, so an aggregation of individual and associated effort, attended by divine blessing, is to regenerate the world."

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In appropriate and honored terms, the Grand High Priest announces the death of Past Deputy Grand High Priest Companion Richard F. Knott, whom it was our pleasure to know as a most genial, generous, charitable, humane gentleman, and an upright and zealous Mason.

"Peace be to his ashes."

The business of the Grand Chapter being short, and all of a local character, with the exception of the presentation of jewels to Past Grand High Priests Peleg Brown and Henry Clay Armstrong.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Companion Palmer J. Pillans, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters, Indiana included, in which he complains of the printer, and wants him "annihilated" for making the name read "P. J. Penan." No wonder; but I think it is correctly written this time, and if the *printer* makes another blunder he must be "extinguished."

Thirty-seven Chapters represented.

Membership, sixteen hundred and ninety-one.

Exalted during the year, one hundred and twelve.

Chapters square on the books, thirty-eight.

Chapters delinquent, twenty-seven.

Charters forfeited, thirty-seven.

Companion Myles J. Greene, of Loachapoka, was re-elected Grand High Priest.

Companion Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Grand Convocation convened in the city of Little Rock, on the ninth day of October, 1873.

M. E. George A. Dannelly, Grand High Priest, who had issued two dispensations for new Chapters, whose work was approved and charters granted.

"I have received from Companion Branson, through Companion James P. Stanley, High Priest of Branson Chapter, No. 25, a diploma issued by the

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Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, on the twelfth of November, 1798, to Bro. Charles White, to be placed in our archives, unless it can be sent to the descendants of the original owner. It is stated that the diploma was taken at the battle of Coravion Town, U. C., on the fifth of October, 1813—the battle between the United States army under General Harrison, and the British and Indians under General Proctor and Tecumseh."

Among other decisions, the following is presented for the action of the Grand Chapter, viz:

"My decision was that no one who does not believe in the immortality of the soul, ought to be admitted to the Holy Royal Arch. It is important that you clearly and explicitly decide this question, because it is well known that in some sections of our jurisdiction associations have been formed (congregations they are called), upon the principle openly avowed and taught, that man has no soul in this life, but that souls will be given to some at the resurrection; and, I regret to say, some Masons have become members of these associations, and afterwards applied for the Chapter degrees."

The committee to whom this was referred, submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

"That the belief in a resurrection to a future life is an important landmark in Masonry; and as the soul is the only admitted indestructible element or principle in the human organization, its immortality is self-evident, and upon no other hypothesis can the family of man hope, or reasonably aspire, to enjoy the rewards of a well-spent life beyond the grave. The belief in the immortality of the soul is naturally subsidiary to the belief in the existence of God, and the Mason who claims or teaches a contrary doctrine, is virtually in mutiny to one of the dearest, most cherished and well established principles of the Order."

There is no report on foreign correspondence, nor do we find anything in the proceedings before us that indicates that there is such a committee in this jurisdiction. Why not, companions?

Whole number of Chapters, sixty-nine.

Whole number that made returns, forty-nine

Number of exaltations, one hundred and fifty-four.

Whole number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons reported, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Companion Samuel W. Williams, elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Luke E. Barber, re-elected Grand Secretary; both of Little Rock.

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CALIFORNIA.

The proceedings came to us in a large and well arranged pamphlet, containing quite a considerable amount of business. The annual convocation was held in the city of San Francisco, commencing on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of April, 1874.

M. E. William Abraham Davies, Grand High Priest, who, in the forepart of his address, recites the circumstances and the time of the organization of the Grand Chapter, and the companions who assisted in its work at the beginning, and the few that now remain members. Many of those pioneer Masons have passed to their reward, where, on the broad shores of eternity, they reap the rewards of a well-spent life.

On the twenty-eighth day of July, 1854, the organization of the Grand Chapter of California was completed in the city of San Francisco.

The Grand High Priest also announces the death of the Deputy Grand High Priest, in the last year, and pays respectful tribute to the memory of his lost colleague in office.

He recommends the recognition of Nova Scotia and West Virginia as legitimate grand Masonic bodies, and on this subject we find that the following resolutions were adopted, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of California gladly recognizes the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia as a legitimate, independent Grand Chapter, and that we offer to our young sister the assurance of our sincere desire for her future welfare and prosperity.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of the State of California cheerfully recognizes the Grand Chapter of West Virginia as an independent Grand Chapter, and confidently trusts that she will become a bright and shining light in the constellation of American Masonic grand bodies."

The subject of physical qualifications was before the Grand Chapter, and elicited a lengthy discussion, but finally the following resolution was adopted, by a vote of forty-eight to six, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the limit of physical qualifications to be required of a candidate for the degrees conferred by a Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be simply that he be able to conform strictly to all which the ritual in those degrees make necessary.

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"At no former period in the history of the Grand Chapter of California has there been such abundant reason for returning thanks to God for His great mercies toward us; for the foreshadowing of this our most prosperous season. Truly the promise is that the increase shall be an hundred fold: the vineyard and the grainfield give token of abundant harvest, and the promise of prosperity is lighting up the countenance of the farmer and the husbandman. For these and all other blessings received and hoped for, let us be thankful as we join in the grand chorus of 'God is gracious, for His mercy endureth forever.'"

Companion Charles Louis Wiggins, chairman, presents the report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters, in which our own has a fair share of attention. Companion Wiggins is an old hand at the business, and makes an able report.

On the subject of physical qualifications, now in the hands of the Committee on Jurisprudence in our Grand Chapter—"does the loss of the right foot render a brother Master Mason ineligible to receive the Chapter degrees"—he says: "We advise the committee to answer the question in the affirmative, on the ground that none but men of *right understanding* should be allowed to participate in our ceremonies."

Total number of Chapters working, thirty-eight.

Total membership, two thousand two hundred and sixty-eight.

Companion William Alexander January, of San Jose, elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Charles Louis Wiggins, of San Francisco, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Companion Wiggins is the most praiseworthy grand secretary that we have yet found, in giving the full names of officers and members.

We hope that other grand secretaries will follow his example, at least more fully than they now do.

It is far preferable to know a companion's name than to see a certain letter prefixed.

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CANADA.

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Kingston, commencing August 13, 1873.

M. E. Companion Samuel B. Harman, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion Thomas B. Harris, Grand Scribe E.

The Grand Z. makes quite a lengthy report of his official doings for the year, giving a minute statement of his labors, and rendering a number of decisions, all of which accord very nearly with Masonic law as understood and practiced in our jurisdiction.

This jurisdiction is divided into twelve districts, each of which has a Grand Superintendent, and all make their reports to the Grand Chapter; these, together with the report of the Grand Z., presents Royal Arch Masonry in a very favorable and prosperous condition.

This plan of districting the Province, and having a well posted companion in each, to oversee the work in the territory allotted to him, is no doubt a good one. This is the practice in Pennsylvania, and seems to work very well; in fact, it relieves the Grand High Priest of a great amount of attention and advice that some other companion near by, could attend to as correctly, and oftentimes with much more convenience, to the parties wanting advice.

During the year the Grand Z. issued dispensations for opening three new chapters, whose work was approved by the Grand Chapter, and warrants granted.

Companion Henry Robertson presented an excellent report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Chapters; Indiana, however, is not among the number. This is not as it should be; but we are not able now to explain why it is so. One thing is certain, and that is, it was the intention to send our proceedings to *all* Grand Chapters, but somehow or other, it is noticeable in nearly all Grand Chapter reports, that some proceedings fail to reach the proper destination.

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Perhaps the best way to dispose of the annoyance is to call it "unavoidable," and try to do better next time.

There is one thing that if our companions of Canada would change, it certainly would be much better, at least so far as uniformity is concerned (and uniformity in Masonry has ever been one of her strongest holds): In all the jurisdictions of the United States the titles for the first three officers of a Chapter are High Priest, King and Scribe, and the recording officer is called Secretary, while our Canada companions use the titles Z., H. and J., and Scribe E., which initials, we suppose, are intended for Zerubable, Haggai and Joshua, for the first three; but for the Scribe *E*, what is it?

Now, it would be asking too much to say that so great number of Grand Chapters as in the United States should change their titles in order to become uniform with *one;* but to ask that *one* should change in order to be uniform with a great many, would be but reasonable.

The mere fact that you do not belong to the same government with us, is of but little moment; we are Masons, all the same, and there appears no good reason why we should have different titles for the same office, especially in an order that boasts of the universality that Free Masonry does.

Companions, we do not wish in the least to appear impertinent, but is not this subject of uniformity in the titles of our officers worthy of consideration?

We are so near each other that it seems more like addressing a neighbor, than those in a foreign land; therefore, it would be more pleasant to address the same officers by the same title. Companions, consider it.

Number of Chapters on roll, fifty-four.

Number of Chapters represented, forty-seven.

Number of members on roll of Chapters, two thousand four hundred and ninety-two.

R. E. Companion C. D. Macdonnell, of Peterboro, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion Thomas B. Harris, of Hamilton, Ontario, Grand Scribe E., (Secretary).

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CONNECTICUT.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Hartford, on the twelfth day of May, 1874. M. E. William Wallace Lee, Grand High Priest, and Companion Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest makes a minute report of all his doings as such, which is nearly all of a local character. He says:

"The year has borne its harvest of death, and among the number is the venerable Samuel Wire; made a Royal Arch Mason in 1812; High Priest of Eureka Chapter, No. 22, when it was chartered in Oxford in 1826, and a frequent attendant of our Grand Chapter for nearly half a century, he had become almost a landmark in the institution he fondly loved. So the fathers are passing away."

Having ever held in almost sacred veneration such ancient worthies, it is with reverential awe that we record the death of one of our number that has worked in the Royal Craft for so many years; a Royal Arch Mason before a vast majority of this Grand Chapter saw the light of day, and a High Priest years before your present Grand High Priest was born. Peace to his venerable ashes.

The practice of appointing Representatives of Grand Chapters near other Grand Chapters having become very general, and believing it would not be attended with evil consequences, the Grand High Priest indulged in the pastime, to the extent of *ten*, Indiana included.

The greatest desire on this subject now is to find something for these Grand Representatives to do—something whereby they may be found to be useful as well as ornamental. However, let us not discourage the custom. This is an age of progress, and there is no telling but that in the course of time they may be a necessity, and then the practice commenced as a compliment to some individual, may become a great blessing to the craft. Watch and wait and hope for something to turn up; there certainly should something good come of it.

Would it not be a good plan for the Grand Representatives to hold a national convention at some central point, say Cincin-

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nati, Louisville or St. Louis, at no distant day, and when their combined notions on the subject are all got together, some plan may be selected and a regular system adopted and the duties plainly defined; then some good might result; until then, wait.

The Deputy Grand High Priest also makes a report of his official doings, and says, "I have not been called upon to perform any official duty since the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter." He represents the Royal Craft in the condition of "perfect peace and concord."

There was one charter granted to a U. D. Chapter.

Companion John N. Lewis made the report on foreign correspondence, in which he reports on twenty-seven Grand Chapters, Indiana included.

In quoting from Companion Davis' address, where he spoke of resigning, had it not been for the urgent solicitation of friends, he says:

"We do not believe in the *resignation* of an installed officer, but, then, it may be our own ignorance. We are always glad to learn, and hope Companion Thomas will kindly enlighten us on this subject."

Well, now, my dear Lewis, when you speak of *light*, we generally expect *light* from the *East*, but, nevertheless, we will say our say, and if you call it *light*, we are satisfied.

We have not as yet known of a Grand Chapter but such as have some laws, rules or regulations for the government of the Royal Craft in their respective jurisdictions, and we find that in different jurisdictions different rules prevail.

With us we say, "The associations of Masonry being voluntary, the Grand Chapter recognizes the right in any officer of a subordinate Chapter to resign his office." If it be the High Priest the King succeeds; if it be some other officer the High Priest fills the vacancy by appointment for the time. And as our rules permit a *subordinate* officer to resign, the same rule follows that a *Grand* officer may resign.

Perhaps there is another difference in titles, Companion Lewis. You have it "three Most *Eminent* Past Grand High Priests." We have no such title. It is with us "*Excellent*."

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Eminent in our jurisdiction is a title in the Commandery, but not in the Chapter.

"As we have more than once remarked, our desire for the acquisition of knowledge increases with our years; apropos to which, we sincerely hope some one will inform us what the Grand Chapter has to do with the Order of High Priesthood, and in this connection explain the propriety of the following:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to procure two hundred diplomas for the Order of High Priesthood, and that the Grand Secretary draw an order on the Grand Treasurer for the money to pay for the same."

Now, my dear companion, there is nothing new, strange or wonderful about this. It is merely a little business transaction, and in which the Grand Chapter has no more to do with the Order of High Priesthood than it would have to do with the degree of Master Mason should it have some business transactions with a Lodge.

That four hundred million dollars you speak of cuts no figure in the case whatever.

Our Grand Chapter purchases such things as the Order of High Priesthood wants, and gets her pay back as the diplomas are sold, and, also, all fees are paid to the Grand Chapter after expenses are paid. Will this do?

Thirty-three Chapters report three thousand nine hundred and sixty-two members.

M. E. Edmund Tweedy, of Danbury, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, re-elected Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The Sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Wilmington, on the twenty-first day of January, 1874.

G. W. Stone, Grand High Priest, and J. P. Allmond, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest delivers a beautiful lecture, and then reports his official doings for the year, in which he says:

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"Of the incidents of the past year, I have but little to report. The work of the several subordinate Chapters has, so far as my knowledge goes, been proceeding about as usual. I have had no questions of general interest referred to me for decision during the recess of the Grand Chapter. Indeed, I may say that peace has reigned supreme throughout our jurisdiction. Whether it has been a peace caused by harmony or sleep, the returns of the subordinate Chapters will show."

The only official act of importance was the issuing of a dispensation for a new Chapter, whose work was approved by the Grand Chapter, and a charter granted.

The Grand High Priest complains that there is nothing like uniformity of work in their Chapters; each Chapter seems to work as they like, without regard to anything like unanimity.

"The first thing, it seems to me, to be decided is, *what* work shall we adopt? for at present we have no standard work, and no two of our Chapters use the same work, and therefore we must find some work that is fixed and unchanging, and that can always be found when wanted; some work that is held and guarded officially by some power competent to keep it and protect it from innovation and change."

The appointing a grand lecturer is urged, and that he learn the work of New York, and that he then shall communicate the work to Chapters when called upon for that purpose.

No report on foreign correspondence.

Companion George W. Stone, of Wilmington, was re-elected Grand High Priest.

Companion J. P. Allmond, of Wilmington, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Six Chapters; all represented and dues paid.

Thirty-two exaltations.

Total membership, two hundred and ninety-six.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

There was a Semi-Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter held in Washington, on the thirteenth day of May, 1873.

Companion A. T. Longley, Grand High Priest, and Companion L. G. Stephens, Grand Secretary.

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No business of importance was transacted.

The Annual Convocation was held November the eleventh, 1873. Grand officers as above.

The Grand High Priest has not been called upon very often for official duty, and says "peace and harmony then reigns supreme throughout the jurisdiction."

No new Chapters organized during the year; there being now eight, it would seem that would be sufficient for the District at present.

"One of our Chapters (LaFayette, No. 5,) during the past year has been highly honored, by having received from the Grand Chapter of Canada an invitation to make them a fraternal visit, and exemplify the work of this Grand Chapter before that Grand Body."

"The invitation was accepted, the trip made and the Royal Arch degree exemplified in a very satisfactory manner, I am informed.

"While I am satisfied that the officers of LaFayette or any other Chapter in this jurisdiction could exemplify the capitular degrees before the grand bodies of this or any foreign country with credit to themselves and to this Grand Chapter, still I am fully of the opinion that an invitation of this kind, from a Grand to a subordinate Chapter, should have come through the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Representative of Canada near this Grand Chapter must have forgotten to extend that courtesy due from one grand body to another."

It has often been a subject of wonder in my mind what is, or can be, the use of appointing representatives near other grand bodies, except as a compliment, and had not until now found any real use for them, and have indulged in the appointment as a matter of courtesy, good will and fraternal kindness, hoping that at some time they could be made useful, and the occasion referred to in the above quotation was a splendid time to set the ball in motion, but it was passed, perhaps, without a thought on the subject. When, oh! when, will another opportunity be presented?

"While on the subject of non-payment of dues, I desire to say that, in my opinion, a companion dropped from the roll for this unmasonic act, as I term it, should not always be allowed to remain in that position, but after a certain time has elapsed, and no effort is made to regain his membership, charges should be preferred against the delinquent member for a violation of

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his O. B., and if no reasonable excuse is offered he should be considered as unworthy to belong to the noble craft."

Now, then, if this act is unmasonic, as you say, and I agree with you, why not prefer charges at once, and try the case and be done with it, and put a stop to that terrible practice of "dropping from the rolls." It is possible that we have a weakness for our own laws, but have endeavored to look on the subject with candor and without prejudice, and firmly believe that our rules, which provide that no member shall be deprived of any of his Masonic rights without charges, trial and a *vote of the body*, is the best we have seen, and when once deprived of *membership* we hold it to be a landmark that he can only regain *membership* by "*unanimity*," a clear ballot.

Companion E. B. MacGrotty made the report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, in which Indiana receives a fair commendation. Speaking of Companion Chesnutwood's report, he says:

"In his review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana he raps Companion Horner, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of that Grand Chapter, over his knuckles on account of his remarks relative to the action of the Grand Chapter of Indiana in approving the doings of a subordinate, which had expelled a companion for selling intoxicating drink."

Companion Chesnutwood has had his say, and perhaps it is not worth while for me to add anything more on the subject, but will say this, that he has expressed the views of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, and I, without any hesitation, am willing to repeat the operation should occasion require it. The man who will engage in a business that is the chief cause of the crime, misery, wretchedness, sorrow, degradation and poverty in our country, is wholly and entirely unfit to be a member of the Masonic fraternity.

This Grand Chapter has eight subordinates, and all were represented.

Exalted during the year, one hundred and eleven.

Total membership one thousand and ninety-three.

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Companion Noble D. Larner was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Lewis G. Stephens re-elected Grand Secretary.

In compliance with the request contained in a resolution of the Grand Chapter, the annointed High Priests of the District "formed a convention of High Priests" and conferred the Order on quite a number of Companions, but whether there was a regular Council of the Order of High Priesthood organized or not, the proceedings do not state; it seems only to have been a convention as it says, without any regular organization, as no officers are reported except the Secretary. Companions, why not organize a Council and have regular officers? It is worthy of a complete organization. Let us have the full proceedings next time.

FLORIDA for 1872.

Grand Chapter met in the city of Tallahassee, on the eighteenth day of June, 1872. M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand High Priest, and Companion William M. McIntosh, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest presents a very pleasing annual address. He says:

"Here, within the sacred sanctuary of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, everything that tends to vice or immorality is denounced, while universal approbation attends the cultivation and promotion of every commendable virtue. Here indolence and ignorance are alike discouraged, while zeal and fidelity in every good act and purpose are rewarded by the cheerful approbation of every true companion. Here the bickerings, abominations and mockeries of a wicked world are sought to be excluded, while the inmates, joined heart and hand, are bound to each other by multiplied cords of moral covenant, infinitely stronger than can be made of any material substance, for the promotion of each other's welfare, and for the moral, social and intellectual advancement of their fellow beings. And it is here that the mind, trained and educated by most mysterious symbols, legends and allegories, can the better view man traveling through the rough and rugged paths of life to that exalted station whence he can more clearly look beyond the verge of time and behold the most sacred tabernacle, reared by Omniscient design and Omnipotent power upon the golden hills of eternity, and upon which time and seasons can produce no decay."

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The above is a sample of the entire address, or, I would rather say, lecture. It would be a pleasure to transfer the whole of it to our pages, but space will not permit.

Several decisions were rendered by the Grand High Priest, but are not of sufficient importance to transfer to this report.

The Grand Chapter agrees to pay the one cent per capita to the General Grand Chapter.

Two charters were granted to Chapters working under dispensation, and one other that failed to report its dispensation to the Grand Chapter was placed under the charge of the Grand High Priest.

Companion Thomas A. Carruth presented a report on foreign correspondence, but is omitted from the printed proceedings for the want of funds to pay for the printing.

Total number of Chapters twenty-two, with a membership of three hundred and ninety-two

Companion William Morrill, of Warrington, was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion W. M. McIntosh was re-elected Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA for 1873

This year the Grand Convocation was held in the city of Jacksonville, on the eleventh day of February, but the Grand High Priest, Companion Wm Morrill, did not present his annual address until the fourteenth.

There was considerable business transacted, but all of a local character, except the following, viz:

"And whenever a Master Mason, who is also a member of some Royal Arch Chapter, shall become non-affiliated, and willfully remains so for a period of more than one year, he shall be considered suspended from his Chapter until he shall have become affiliated with some particular Lodge."

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Companion Thomas A Carruth, in which he reviews the proceedings of seventeen Grand Chapters, in which he gives us a friendly notice. In his report on Louisiana, he says:

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"Twenty-nine sister Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter are reviewed in the peculiar and in general very pleasant style of Companion Horner, but when he comes to poor little Florida he seems to have had on such a head of steam that he could not adjust himself to the situation, and he tries to run over us roughshod and bully us out of our 'terrible fanaticism.' We had never before believed that Companion Horner could ever heap together so many unkind and unpleasant personalities and pour them upon our poor devoted head. In our remarks on the subject of punishing rum-sellers for unmasonic conduct we wrote from a deep and settled principle of right, and never used one word of personality, unless it was to the *poor*, *abused* destroyer of the happiness, lives and souls of men, women and children.

"It is a very common thing for the cry of 'fanaticism' to be raised against anything that is in itself good. Festus raised the same cry against Paul when he reasoned of righteousness, *temperance* and judgment, and no man has ever entered heartily into any cause for the elevation and amelioration of his fellow beings but what he is held up to ridicule as a fanatic. But until *some word* of argument is brought against our position we will never cease to hold it, and we are glad to be able to state just here that a very large majority of our companion reporters have sustained our views, or intimated their acquiescence in them, if they have not positively so stated, and we think if Companion Horner will, in some cool and deliberate moment, look back at the expressions of Grand High Priests and the actions of Most Excellent Grand Chapters and the reports on foreign correspondence, from many of these he will be forced to acknowledge his error in asserting that 'none of the Masonic sages, from Solomon down, ever taught such a lesson; and to preach such a doctrine is casting a slur upon more than a majority of our best and ablest brethren.' We think those best and ablest brethren will hardly feel complimented by the insinuation contained in that sentence. We should very much lament the condition of Masonry if 'more than a majority of our best and ablest brethren' were apologists for the man who can deface the image of God in which he was created, and engage in a nefarious practice for the sake of *gold*, by which the wives and children of his brethren are worse than beggared, and the souls and bodies of his victims ruined and lost, to gratify his insatiate avarice, for nothing but this could induce any sane man to engage in a practice so terrible in its consequences to all over whom he pours the fiery streams of liquid poison which he deals out to his deluded fellow beings. We can not find words sufficiently strong to express our utter abhorence of this slow method adopted to kill men, and while doing so rob them of home, money, friends, virtue and happiness, both for time and eternity, and it is no spirit of fanaticism which impels us so to write, but a love for our race, a love of virtue and holiness, a love for the poor wives and children who are the chief sufferers from this practice. Is this Masonry? Is this the exemplification of Faith, Hope and Charity? Can the rumseller place the sign of 'Holiness to the Lord' over the doors and coun-

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ters of his gilded den? If so, then we would pray, from such Masonry good Lord, deliver us!

"Companion Horner will find his hands full if he undertakes to drive out from Masons this feeling of opposition, to the death. to such a practice. He is already in hot water with the Grand Chapter of Indiana, which only utters the sentiments, we verily believe, of all her sisters in her action in approving the expulsion of a rumseller from his Chapter."

There is much more upon the same subject, but we forbear making any more quotations—space will not permit.

Number of Chapters, twenty-three. Membership, four hundred and eighty-eight.

M. E. Michael Bowes, of Jacksonville, was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, of Jacksonville, was elected Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia met in annual Grand Convocation in the city of Macon, on the twenty-ninth day of April, 1874. M. E. Companion George W. Adams, Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion J. (what does that J. mean?) Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary.

No appeals to the Grand High Priest during the year, nor any occasion for the rendering of any official decisions.

One dispensation was granted to organize a new Chapter, whose work was approved by the Grand Chapter, and a charter granted.

The subject of returning to the parental care of the General Grand Chapter was under consideration, but the proceedings do not show what disposition was made of it Some amendments to the constitution were rejected, and we infer that this subject must have been one of them.

Among the regulations in force, as published, is the following:

"*Resolved*, That the connection subsisting between the Grand Chapter of Georgia and the General Grand Chapter of the late United States be and the same is hereby dissolved." (Proceedings of 1861, page 12.)

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Thus our companions in the "sunny south" say they will not fraternize with the old "mother" of the *late* United States, and still, after thirteen years, refuse to *rescind*. Well, companions, as you think best about it, but we would be pleased to see all our Grand Chapters, through their delegates, meet together occasionally. There is then much more opportunity to consult together, and act more in unison for the good of the Order. We all belong to the one great Masonic family; then why not all meet once in three years and compare notes and each learn from his neighbor of something good for Masonry? But if you won't come back, we can only say, we wish you prosperity, even if you will "stay out in the cold."

Forty-five Chapters report one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two members.

M. E. Luther J. Glenn, of Atlanta, was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E., J. Emmett Blackshear re-elected Grand Secretary.

This Grand Chapter has no committee on foreign correspondence.

ILLINOIS.

The Twenty fourth Annual Grand Convocation was held in the city of Chicago, commencing on the thirtieth day of October, 1873. M. E. Asa W. Blakesley, Grand High Priest, and E. Companion James H. Miles, Grand Secretary.

"The history of this Grand Chapter, from its organization, April 9, 1850, to the present time, shows a continued and steady progress. From the little number of six Chapters, which first organized the Grand Chapter of this State, we have steadily advanced to one hundred and fifty-four. At the organization in 1850 we numbered about two hundred and forty members; at our last convocation we numbered nine thousand three hundred and seventy-eight—showing an annual increase of three hundred and eighty members. Still the work goes nobly on. New blocks are added annually, and the temple rises in steady and uninterrupted harmony. It has been my fortune to have met this Grand Body annually from 1851 to the present time."

The Grand High Priest issued five dispensations to organize new Chapters, all of which, with one other, were granted char-

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ters by the Grand Chapter, making the whole number of chartered Chapters one hundred and sixty.

The Grand High Priest rendered quite a number of decisions, which he reported to, and were confirmed by, the Grand Chapter. Said decisions were in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction, and only one of which will be transcribed, as deemed of general interest:

"I decided that although a candidate may have had the secrets of the chair communicated to him in a Past Masters' Convocation, yet the degree of Past Master must be conferred on him in a Chapter before he can receive the degree of Most Excellent Master."

Thus giving a man that which he already has.

He extends fraternal courtesies by appointing eight Grand Representatives.

Companion James H. Miles made the report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters, our own included.

M. E. George E. Lounsbury, of Mound City, was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion James H. Miles, of Chicago, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Total number of Chapters, one hundred and sixty.

Total number of members, nine thousand five hundred and fifteen.

IOWA.

This volume opens with a fine steel engraving of the Grand Secretary, Companion William B. Langridge. We have no doubt that Companion Langridge is as good a Mason as his portrait is in appearance, and if so, all right.

The Annual Convocation was held in the city of DesMoines, commencing on the twenty-third day of October, 1873. M. E., E. A. Gilbert, Grand High Priest, and Companion Wm. B. Langridge, E. Grand Secretary.

Two dispensations were issued during the year to organize new Chapters, and were continued by the Grand Chapter.

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Six Grand Representatives were appointed. This does not look much like putting a stop to the fancy. All right, companions, we will find use for them sometime, perhaps. Let us hope for some good to result from the practice.

The Grand High Priest is very much opposed to the charter being left hanging in the chapter room, for fear it may, as is sometimes the case, be lost by fire. He presses this upon the attention of the Grand Chapter, because one charter was lost in this way in the past year. He says:

"The theories on which the installation ceremony is based demand that the charter of a Chapter should always be in the immediate custody of the High Priest, *therefore*, it is ordered by the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa that charters shall not be framed and left in Chapter rooms, but that the High Priest of each subordinate shall cause to be procured a suitable tin case in which to preserve the charter, and to carry it to and from the convocations of his Chapter. Under no circumstances shall the High Priest permit the charter to leave his immediate custody, except in the event of his contemplated absence from a convocation, when he shall place it in charge of the King, or in the event of the latter's absence, in the charge of the Scribe, who will return it to its proper custodian as soon as convenient after the aforesaid convocation has been holden."

This is what the Grand High Priest urged upon the Grand Chapter, but we do not find that the Grand Chapter took any action on the subject whatever, and believe it best that they did not, unless it should have taken an opposite view to that of the Grand High Priest. Now, we are well aware of the fact that sometimes Chapter rooms with all their contents are destroyed by fire, and much valuable property thereby destroyed, including charter, books and various articles of furniture, whereby Chapters are greatly hindered in their work; but pray tell me, is the High Priest's house less liable to burn than the room where the Chapter holds its meetings? This certainly could not be contended for a moment, or, if so, why? It would seem to my mind that such buildings as a rule would not be as liable to be burned as a residence, and if the residence of the High Priest should burn what is to be done about the charter, in case it should be burned along with the High Priest's residence? You will say, ask for a duplicate charter. Just so. But, now, the

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residence of the High Priest has been burned, we must have the charter kept by the King, Scribe or perhaps the Secretary. But their residences may also burn, and the charter goes to the flames. Then what shall we do?

The question, to my mind, is very properly answered by leaving the charter in the room where the Chapter holds its meetings, and then if the High Priest is unable to attend, or unexpectedly called away and not having the time to find the King and deliver to his care the charter, or perhaps is absent and fails to return in time as at first expected, we say leave the charter in the room, that is the place where it is of use, and no where else. Then there will be no cause for an interruption of a meeting on that score; the charter will always be on hand, but any officer may sometimes fail.

The Grand High Priest decided that a vote on receiving and referring a petition for degrees must be *unanimous*. This is something entirely new; from an examination of the many reports of grand bodies we sometimes think that in some places there is a growing liberality that does not stick close enough to ancient ways, for such it may be that I am too much of an old fogy, but this decision is liberality over the left. I would at all times receive and refer to a committee the petition, if in proper form and rightly recommended, upon a *majority* vote. There are but two cases that Masonic law require a *unanimous* vote, and they are on conferring degrees and receiving to membership.

A resident of Iowa removes to New York State, is made a Mason there, again removes to Iowa, applies for and receives the Chapter degrees, again removes to New York and makes himself known as a Royal Arch Mason. Then the New York Chapter complains that the Iowa Chapter violated her jurisdiction; then the Grand High Priest of New York complains The Grand High Priest of Iowa acknowledges the claim to be just, and orders the Iowa Chapter to apologize and send the money received for the degrees to the New York Chapter. This is complied with, the New York Chapter is satisfied with the apology and declines to take the money, their acknowledged rights being all they desired.

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The committee's report on this subject is given in full, because of its great importance:

"As to the New York imbroglio, of making a Royal Arch Mason of a man who is a resident of Iowa, but a member 'in a Lodge situated on the banks of the Hudson river,' your committee think the act of the High Priest in receiving the petition was correct. Our regulation only requires a candidate to be affiliated *somewhere* in good standing, not necessarily in Iowa. But your committee *utterly repudiate* the claim of the Grand High Priest of New York. The jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of New York *ends* at the line of that State, and that of the Grand Chapter of Iowa extends *all over* the State of Iowa. It is *residence* that gives jurisdiction, and not lodge membership. We utterly deny the right of the Grand Chapter of New York to make a Royal Arch Mason of a resident of Iowa. The Grand Chapter of New York knows *nothing about* who is or is not a member of the Blue Lodge there unless he is in some of the Chapter degrees. Our jurisdiction is *exclusive* over every resident of the State. We require such qualifications as we please, but repudiate all outside jurisdiction of the person."

This report was adopted by the Grand Chapter, and, as we believe, the committee have the best of the Grand High Priest.

Companion U. D. Taylor made the report on foreign correspondence, in which he goes through the proceedings of thirty-one grand bodies, Indiana among the number.

Companion Taylor, re-examine our proceedings and see your error. You give us eighty-eight Chapters and three hundred and fifty-nine members. This, we think, is spreading it rather thin. Our membership was four thousand one hundred and sixteen, and you only give the *increase*, which was three hundred and fifty-nine.

Number of Chapters, sixty-nine.

Exaltations reported, three hundred and thirty-nine.

Total membership reported, three thousand two hundred and sixty-eight.

Companion Robert F. Bower, of Keokuk, was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Companion William B. Langridge, of Muscatine, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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KANSAS

Held her Ninth Annual Grand Convocation in the city of Lawrence, commencing Tuesday, October 14, 1873.

M. E Edwin D. Hillyer, Grand High Priest, who delivered a splendid lecture on science and morality in connection with Masonry, and then made a report of his official acts during the year, from which we learn that he had issued dispensations to organize four new chapters, all of which had been set to work by competent officers, and no doubt done good work; at least it must have been satisfactory, for their work was approved by the Grand Chapter, and charters were granted.

The Grand High Priest says:

"No cases of difficulty have been brought to my notice, and no questions have arisen but such as could have been easily settled by a reference to the constitution and resolutions of this Grand Chapter."

This shows that peace and harmony prevails on the borders now, if not in times past.

It is somewhat singular, but here is the action in relation to West Virginia:

"Your Special Committee appointed at the last annual convocation to take into consideration the question of recognizing the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the subject in all its bearings, and while we would not willingly do anything which would in the least tend to sever the friendly relations which should everywhere exist among the Royal Craft, we are in this case compelled, by the respect we owe the General Grand Chapter, to dissent from the views expressed by our esteemed companions of West Virginia, in the organization of a Grand Chapter. In their present attitude we can not consistently welcome them into the great family of Grand Chapters. We therefore offer the following:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter hails with pleasure the apparent increasing prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in West Virginia, and that we will most cordially extend to their newly organized Grand Chapter a hearty welcome among the family of Grand Chapters, whenever they shall place themselves under the fostering care of the General Grand Chapter, or whenever they shall have been duly recognized by that grand body."

The introduction of this report elicited a general discussion of the subject.

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Various suggestions and modifications were offered by different companions, when the following amendment was offered, which, after considerable discussion, was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we will not recognize the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, because it refuses to acknowledge the authority of the General Grand Chapter."

This presents something real, something definite, right to the point, and no glittering generalities, and was adopted. O, consistency! what a bright jewel thou art in the (Kansas) Masonic diadem!

Does the Grand Chapter of Kansas recognize the Grand Chapter of Virginia? Certainly she does, or at least it would seem so, from the fact that upon examination it is found that the proceedings of Virginia are reviewed by Kansas.

Now, if the State of Virginia be divided (which is a fact), and two separate State governments, perfect and complete, in full operation, composed of the territory that was once governed by one State authority, and the Chapters within this new State see proper to organize a Grand Chapter, even without consent of the old Grand Chapter, they had a perfect right to do so, and should be recognized as such; provided only, that their deliberations were frank, fair and without deception, and their former standing as subordinate, and their Grand Chapter was considered by the great Masonic family as legitimate.

But even this was not the case altogether with our companions of West Virginia, for the Grand High Priest of Virginia was present in person, and aided and assisted them in forming their Grand Chapter, and gave them advice.

After all this, is it reasonable to suppose that the Grand Chapter of West Virginia is not as legitimate a Grand Chapter as is the Grand Chapter of Virginia? Then, if so, where in the whole world is there any reason why one should be recognized and the other not?

The Grand Chapter of Virginia never recognized the authority of the General Grand Chapter, and of course her subordi-

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nates owed no allegiance to that general grand body, and the General Grand Chapter claimed nothing from Virginia.

The Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Texas and Georgia do not now recognize the authority of the General Grand Chapter, and but recently quite a number of other Grand Chapters did not claim allegiance to that general grand body.

Companions of Kansas reconsider, recognize, fraternize, and let us all join hands together, and prevail upon the Grand Chapter of West Virginia to go along with us.

A resolution was passed, authorizing the use of substitutes, but according to the returns of subordinates as published, some of their Chapters had anticipated the resolution, and used the substitutes first. (See Nos. 2, 3, 15, 19 and 24).

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Companion Erasmus T. Carr, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, Indiana among the number.

Twenty-five subordinate Chapters.

Nine hundred and twenty-five members.

Exalted during the year, one hundred and twenty-one.

Companion John M. Price, Atchison, G. H. P.

Companion Erasmus T. Carr, Leavenworth, G. S.

KENTUCKY.

This book opens out with a picture of "The Widows' and Orphans' Home," a magnificent structure when completed, and a great monument to the honor and generosity of the Craft of the State.

The Fifty-Eighth Annual Communication commenced on the twentieth day of October, 1873, in the city of Louisville. M. E. William Ryan, Grand High Priest, and Companion John M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary.

"I have visited very few of the subordinate Chapters during my term of office, although urgently invited by some to visit them. I have in most instances forborne to visit, for the reason that it was extremely unsatisfactory to do so,

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in view of the fact of the great want of uniformity in the work in our jurisdiction, the Grand Chapter having authoritatively prescribed no uniform work for the guidance of its subordinates. This is a great evil, from which the Chapters are suffering much, and which in the past has been a source of very serious detriment to them. Such a state of things should be allowed to exist no longer I earnestly invite the Grand Chapter to give this subject its immediate and thoughtful attention, and to take steps at once to remove this ground of just complaint."

One dispensation to organize a new Chapter was granted during the year, which was referred to a committee, who reported that the records were "unusually well kept and the work correct." A charter was granted, to be No. 120.

The Grand High Priest recommends that the Grand Representative system be adopted (he having received an appointment, no reflection), which was approved by the Grand Chapter, and the Grand High Priest was authorized and empowered to make appointments "for the purpose of establishing unity and fraternal intercourse between the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kentucky and the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of other States and countries, wherever Royal Arch Masonry is disseminated"

And another prodigal now returns to the paternal care of the General Grand Chapter:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Kentucky resume its relations to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and that the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe be instructed to attend the next triennial session, with credentials furnished under the seal of the Grand Chapter, and instructions to consummate our union with that body." Adopted.

Companion H. A. M. Henderson, as chairman, presents the report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, Indiana inclusive.

Chapters on the roll number up to one hundred and twenty, but there appears to be fourteen vacancies.

Total membership as reported, three thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

M. E., D. P. Robb, of Versailles, was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John M. S. McCorkle, of Louisville, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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LOUISIANA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter convened in the city of New Orleans, on the tenth day of February, 1874. M. E. Joseph P. Horner, Grand High Priest, presiding, and R. E. James C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

Companion Horner presents a lengthy report, giving in detail the workings and condition of the Royal Craft in his jurisdiction, which in general seems to be satisfactory.

He issued one dispensation to organize a new Chapter, whose work was approved and a charter granted by the Grand Chapter.

Several decisions were rendered by the Grand High Priest, and approved by the Grand Chapter, but not of sufficient general importance to transcribe. One, however, we give, believing that it *is* of great importance:

"Following the action of our Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, I decided that all provisions in the by-laws of a subordinate Chapter declaring members in arrears of dues ineligible to office, and debarring such from voting upon any subject, to be illegal and unmasonic."

This eminently wise decision was reported upon adversely by the committee to whom it was referred, with the exception of Companion J. Q. A. Fellows, who gave an adverse opinion to the other members of the committee. This created a lengthy discussion, and was finally decided against the Grand High Priest by a large majority.

One of the great rights and privileges in Masonry is membership, and the benefits to be derived from Masonry come in consequence of such membership; therefore, when a man becomes a member of a Masonic Lodge he has certain vested rights. Among these vested rights is the right to participate in all things and in all ways that are known to the usages of Masonry, and the right of voting on all matters claiming the attention of the body of which he is a member, or even holding office if his brethren so desire, is a vested right which should not, and, as we think, can not be taken from him by mere operation of law. In this we do not propose to contend that a member should

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vote on his own case before the body, but in all things else his vested right can not be abridged. We claim that nothing but charges, trial and a vote of the body can take from a member any of the rights that inure to him as such.

For a violation or non-compliance with the law there are certain rules and regulations laid down for the government in such cases, and these rules must be complied with, and all the preliminary steps taken to enforce the provisions of the law said to have been violated. The manner of enforcing law is by imposing certain punishments for their violation.

The civil law may say that if any person steals the property of another it shall be deemed larceny, and that he who commits larceny shall be required to perform hard labor in the penitentiary; but can it be supposed for a moment that the thief is to be taken to the prison immediately, without the form of a trial? Certainly none will contend that this should be done, but that he should have a fair and impartial trial and be legally sentenced.

Then the question is, should a Mason be deprived of a vested right (membership and its privileges) when the citizen can not be deprived of his vested rights (liberty) *without due process of law,* and not mere operation of the law.

Won't the Grand Chapter reconsider their action in this case, and confirm the decision of Companion Horner?

The Grand High Priest urges that no candidate be exalted until he has selected his "Mark," but it seems the Grand Chapter took no action in the case.

Companion Joseph P. Horner presents the report on foreign correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters. In his review of Indiana he says:

"At the meeting of the Order of High Priesthood of this jurisdiction an address was delivered by Past Grand High Priest, William Hacker, the M. E. President, which we extract entire, believing it so valuable to the craft that it would be wrong for us to refrain from giving it to them, and make no apology for so doing."

Companion Horner goes for the Grand Chapter of Kansas for their refusal to recognize the Grand Chapter of West Virginia,

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in an argument to which we would be glad to hear some argument in reply, if such a thing can be found. We have tried to find some excuse for Kansas, but so far have signally failed.

Twenty-nine Chapters report one thousand five hundred and twenty-eight members.

Exaltations, ninety-eight.

M. E. Joseph P. Horner re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. James C. Batchelor re-elected Grand Secretary, both of New Orleans.

MAINE.

The Annual Grand Convocation assembled in the city of Portland, May 5, 1874.

Companion Horace H. Burbank, Grand High Priest, and Companion Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

In his address the Grand High Priest says, in reference to the work in the Royal Arch degree:

"As I have done in my visits, companions, so here would I repeat a criticism of too general application.

"The beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the Royal Arch are often marred by the introduction of levity and mirth utterly inconsistent, to my mind, with the sublime history and principles of Capitular Masonry.

"The lessons intended by the *living arch* and the *weary sojourn* are often reduced from the *sublime* to the *rediculous*, and *exaltation* becomes a misnomer for *degradation*. Such performances are not only *unmasonic*, but *uncomely* (I had almost said uncouth), in companions and towards candidates. They are far beneath rational amusement. Overseers, reject all such unseemly stones. Clear away such *rubbish* from your temples, ye who love *the true and the beautiful*. Such precedents are wanting in our early annals, and should receive no countenance to-day. Due reflection on the part of members and official firmness in High Priests will, I trust, remove this blemish from our work."

If such a practice prevails in this jurisdiction (but we hope it does not), we think that the very strong language used by the Grand High Priest of Maine would be justly merited, and we would not hesitate to use it. There is no need of anything

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more grand and beautiful than the true ceremonies of our Royal Arch, and to think that they should be tampered with by thoughtless persons, for the purpose of making mirth, is too horrible to contemplate; if such there are, and they will persist, after admonition cut off their heads (Masonically), but let them live naturally that they may have time to repent of their folly.

One dispensation was granted for the forming a new Chapter, whose work was approved and a charter granted.

"A re-elected High Priest must be installed." Correct.

Other decisions, but of no great general importance.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe all make reports, but contain little else than their visits to Chapters and the kind receptions.

The finances are in a good condition.

The following "standing regulation" was adopted, and as we think is a good one, and should be adopted everywhere:

"*Resolved*, That the name of no companion shall be inserted in any Charter hereafter issued, unless his dimission from the Chapter of which he is at the time a member be first filed with the Grand Secretary."

Also the following:

"*Resolved*, That no petition for the degrees shall be received by any Chapter from any candidate who has been rejected in any Chapter, until six months after the date of such rejection."

Companion Stephen J. Young submitted the report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters, and transcribes the entire address of Companion Hacker, delivered before our Council of High Priesthood last year.

Thirty-five Chapters return three thousand five hundred and sixty-two members.

Horace H. Burbank, of Alfred, re-elected Grand High Priest, and Ira Berry, of Portland, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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MARYLAND.

A special convocation held January 14, 1873. No business transacted, except to provide for paying the necessary expenses of the Grand Lecturer and Grand High Priest, upon their visits to subordinate Chapters.

Annual convocation held in the city of Baltimore, November 10, 1873. M. E. George L. McCahan, Grand High Priest, and R. E. William A. Wentz, Grand Secretary.

"It is not the chief end of Masonry to make Masons, notwithstanding a laudable desire to recognize among our numbers good and true men, wherever they may be, and yet we find the feeling prevails with a great many that when there is no work there is no necessity of attendance on their part. No greater mistake than this could be made, as upon the attendance of the membership and the interest engendered thereby, depends the very existence of the Chapters. If one-third were prompt and persistent in their attendance alone, such an occurrence as surrendering a charter would be unknown, or even thought of. Think of this seriously, companions, and let each estimate his own responsibility in the premises."

This sentiment of the Grand High Priest we most heartily endorse. There is too much laxity in attending the meetings of all our bodies, and this is all wrong; if Masonry is worth anything it is worth working for.

The Grand High Priest rendered several decisions, which were approved by the Grand Chapter, only one of which, however, is of sufficient general importance to transcribe, the rest being of a local character:

"That the loss of the index finger of the right hand debarred an applicant from receiving the degrees."

This is a subject that is being agitated at this time to a very considerable extent, and various views are put forth, pro and con. The subject being now in the hands of a committee of our own Grand Chapter, comments at this time might not be in place, not knowing what will be the report of the committee or the action of the Grand Chapter.

Quite a large number of amendments to the constitution were presented, which lie over for action until next meeting, the

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greater number of which are to change from "communication" to "convocation."

Companion Herman L. Emmons, Jr., presented the report on foreign correspondence, in which he in a very agreeable manner reviews the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters. From some unaccountable means he says that the proceedings of Indiana have not been received for 1871, 1872 and 1873. This is something that we can not account for. It must be some unfortunate freak of "Uncle Sam."

Thirteen Chapters report one thousand two hundred and fifty-seven members.

M. E. James W. Bowers, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William A. Wentz, Grand Secretary, both of Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Four special and three quarterly convocations held during the year.

At the quarterly held on the eleventh of March, 1873, one dispensation was issued to form a new Chapter.

At this convocation the Grand Chapter again refused to recognize the Grand Representative system, and therefore the commission of Companion J. W. Dadmun, as representative of Nova Scotia, was of no value.

Annual Grand Convocation held in the city of Boston, December 9, 1873.

M. E. Alfred F. Chapman, Grand High Priest, and R. E., Z. H. Thomas, Grand Treasurer.

The work of the Chapter degrees was exemplified by a select set of officers, in a very satisfactory manner.

A funeral service was adopted at this convocation, but we favor the funeral service of the Blue Lodge as being more beautiful.

One dispensation was granted by the Grand Chapter to form a new Chapter.

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The Grand High Priest was present and participated in the dedication ceremonies of the new Masonic Temple, in Philadelphia, last September. He gives a glowing description of the structure, as well as the ceremonies.

Companions Alfred F. Chapman and Z. H. Thomas, respectively, were re-elected Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

Special convocation held December 30, 1873, at which time the Grand Officers were installed.

Companion Rev. John W. Dadmun made a very able report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, ours, however, not included.

The Chapters report an extraordinary amount of work done the past year—eight hundred and eighty-three exaltations.

Sixty-four Chapters report eight thousand two hundred and sixty-eight members.

MICHIGAN.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Grand Convocation was held in the city of Detroit, on the twentieth day of January, 1874.

M. E. Companion John W. Finch, Grand High Priest, presiding, R. E., J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary, a full list of officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests and a large number of delegates.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, reports the Royal Craft in a peaceful and prosperous condition.

"Although perfection is not allotted to man's estate, yet by the practice of the many virtues inculcated by the tenets of our beloved Order we may closely approximate it. Let us, then, enter upon the discharge of our duties with thankful hearts to the *Great I Am* for the many favors and blessings received by us at his hands, trusting implicitly to his goodness and wisdom to so guide and direct us in our labors here as to reflect honor upon ourselves and the fraternity that we represent."

Dispensations were issued during the year for the organization of five new Chapters, whose work was approved by the Grand Chapter and charters were granted. Also, a charter was granted

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to a Chapter that had been working under a dispensation from a former year. It appears as though there were two petitions direct to the Grand Chapter for *charters*, without the usual probation under dispensation from the Grand High Priest; these were also granted, making in all eight new charters granted at this convocation.

Some decisions are reported by the Grand High Priest, but involving nothing new or unusual, therefore it is unnecessary to transcribe them.

He urges some measure to be adopted compelling Mark Masters to select their mark and have the same recorded in the mark book before they are permitted to the next degree.

Reports two hundred and seventy-five dollars collected from Chapters and Lodges, all of which was forwarded to the proper Masonic authorities for the relief of the suffering at Memphis and Shreveport.

Companion J. Eastman Johnson presented the report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews in an able manner the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, three of them for two years. Indiana comes in for a fair share of his space allotted to such purpose, and the space seems to be plentiful, for he occupies one hundred and eighteen pages with his report.

It is with pleasure that we see in the proceedings of the Grand Council of the Holy Order of High Priesthood such marks of respect as is shown to Indiana's most devoted Mason, viz:

"On motion, Companion William Hacker, M. E. Grand President of the Grand Council of Indiana, was unanimously elected an honorary member of this Grand Council."

A compliment worthily bestowed.

It may be that some of our good companions will say that Masonry has no business to interfere with a man's "private business." Therefore, whatever a man sees proper to engage in as a business, he must be let alone in it, be that business what it may: it may be getting drunk, it may be making drunkards, which is, in our opinion, much the worse of the two; then it

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may be stealing, robbing, arson or murder; so it is his business, he must be let alone. We have now come to the report of a committee on a subject that was referred to them, and it seems, from what we find in the proceedings, that this man's chief business was getting drunk, as that is what the Chapter voted him guilty of. But to the report:

"The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred so much of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address as related to the action of Hudson Chapter, No. 28, in the matter of charges against Companion Enos Caniff, beg leave to report, that said companion was charged with being intoxicated on the evening of March 6, 1872, and divers other times, at the village of Hudson, in the State of Michigan, and by said Chapter found guilty of said charge, by a vote of ten for conviction and four for acquittal.

"The Chapter then proceeded to vote, *first*, to expel; *second*, to suspend indefinitely, and *third*, to reprimand; all of which several propositions were lost and, although the companion was declared guilty of the charge preferred against him, the Chapter had not the moral courage to inflict any penalty for such flagrant violations of one of the first lessons taught us in Masonry. Intemperance is a Masonic crime, and the offender must atone to the offended law; and the Chapter that winks at such acts and gives countenance to such unworthy examples should learn now and forever that it will find no aid or sympathy in this Grand Body; on the contrary, our severe condemnation. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of these resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Hudson Chapter, No. 28, be reprimanded by the M. E. High Priest as soon as he can conveniently do the same, for its action in refusing to inflict a Masonic penalty on Companion Enos Caniff, after finding him guilty of the charge aforesaid.

2. *Resolved*, That Enos Caniff, a member of Hudson Chapter, No. 28, be, and he is hereby, expelled from the rights and benefits of Royal Arch Masonry."

The proceedings show that this report was unanimously adopted.

Thus we see that this Grand Chapter will give no countenance to such a species of immorality. Take courage, Companion Carruth, of Florida, and never give up the ship until she is safely anchored in the great *Masonic moral* haven, where every species of immorality is treated with the utmost disapproval.

We find the following resolution adopted:

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"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure and present to Past Grand High Priest, John W. Finch, a Past Grand High Priest's jewel of the same cost, materials and style as presented to the last two Grand High Priests."

If this is the general practice of our companions of Michigan, and they will certainly serve all alike, we think it will be quite expensive, unless they conclude to re-elect, in order to save expenses. Twelve Past Grand High Priests at this convocation. Just think of a long line of brilliant jewels! It will be pretty.

Eighty-five old Chapters and seven new ones on their rolls, and all represented but two. This, we think, is a splendid showing.

Total membership, six thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

Exalted, six hundred and sixty-six.

Admitted, eighty.

How is this, companion Grand Secretary? Should those three numbers be added, or are the two last included in the first?

Alfred I. Sawyer, of Monroe, Grand High Priest, and J. Eastman Johnson, of Centreville, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The Twelfth Annual Grand Convocation was held in the city of St. Paul, commencing at 11:15 A. M., Tuesday, June 24, 1873.

M. E , J. H. McKenney, Grand High Priest, and R. E. Wm. S. Combs, Grand Secretary.

Eighteen out of twenty Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his address says that the Royal Craft is in a peaceful and prosperous condition, and complains of having been called upon for official business but seldom.

Renders several decisions that he considered not of sufficient importance to report to the Grand Chapter. Two, however, he reports for the consideration of the Grand Chapter:

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"A prominent citizen, a worthy Mason, and in all respects such a man as wanted, since becoming a Master Mason has lost his left hand."

Question—"Can we receive him?"

Answer:

"You can not, under a strict observance of Masonic law and usage, confer the Chapter degrees upon the brother in question.

"The above decision is not given without deep sympathy for the unfortunate brother, and I submit the question of his relief, if within your reach, to your better judgment."

The other question submitted is:

"A brother presents his petition for the Chapter degrees, and is accepted; but previous to receiving any of them, he removes his residence to a distant part of the State. The Chapter at his former residence, that elected him, granted the Chapter at his present residence, '*permission* to confer the degrees on the brother, and such degrees are conferred; of which Chapter will he be a member?'"

Answer:

"The companion will be a member of the Chapter in which he received the degrees."

The italics in the above quotation are mine.

These decisions were referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to make the following report, viz: That they have considered that portion of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, relating to the questions of law and usage, submitted to your Committee, and find that his answer relating to the disabilities depriving Master Masons of the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, is correct and approved by your Committee; that is to say, a Master Mason having lost his left hand, can not receive the degrees conferred by Chapters.

"2. That your Committee can not agree with the M. E. Grand High Priest in his answer to the question whether a Master Mason becomes a member of the Chapter in which he receives the degrees, when *requested* to do so by a Chapter in which he has been elected to receive the degrees. The question has been settled in this grand jurisdiction that a Chapter consenting or requesting another Chapter to confer the degrees on a brother who has removed from the place wherein he was elected to receive the degrees, has still the con-

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trol of the brother, and on his receiving the degrees, is a member of the Chapter in which he was elected."

The italics, also, in this last report are mine; and in this it seems to my mind is where the Grand High Priest and the committee differ.

It must be borne in mind that the Grand High Priest uses the word *permission* and the committee use the word *request.* Now, are they not both correct?

In our jurisdiction we do such business by *request*, and the law is the same as reported by the committee in the above case; but if it should be *permission*, do we not yield the whole question to the Chapter where the *permit* goes to? It seems so to me; and that that Chapter has entire control of the case, and also the individual.

That excellent companion and pioneer Mason, A. T. C. Pierson, made the report on foreign correspondence, in which he presents a lengthy, and in the main, a very able report.

He reviews the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, and the General Grand Chapter. Indiana receives a short notice.

Companion Pierson does not say so in so many words, but from reading his report it must be inferred that he indorses the attack made on Indiana and Florida, by Companion Horner, of Louisiana, for the high and noble stand these States have taken on the liquor question. It looks as though Companion Gouly, of Missouri, is also in the same train.

It is with the greatest regret that we find such able writers, and such influential Masons, as Companions Horner, Gouley and Pierson, on the wicked side of the question; but it is no use—nay, it is not right, to use hard words, and we will continue to hope that these able companions will see the error of their ways, and yet live to be a great moral power in Masonry.

Two charters were granted to new Chapters.

No statistics given as to members.

Number of Chapters, twenty-two.

M. E. James H. Castle, Grand High Priest.

R. E., E. D. B. Porter, Grand Secretary.

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MISSISSIPPI.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1873 and 1874 come together in one pamphlet, the proceedings of 1873 not having been printed in that year for want of funds.

The convocation was held in the city of Canton, February 7, 1873.

M. E., H. C. Robinson, Grand High Priest.

R. E., J. L. Power, Grand Secretary.

In his address, the Grand High Priest says:

"Death, the great leveler, has removed hence our beloved Companion, Past Grand High Priest, Charles T. Bond, one of the purest and best of our great lights. To know him was to love him.

"Companion J. O. Lusher, Past Grand High Priest, has also fallen. I recommend that the Grand Chapter give suitable expression of its fraternal regard for their memory. Others may have fallen; if so, let them be remembered.

"If I had the power, I would consolidate, not only the Grand Chapter and Council in one body, but the whole of Masonry— Symbolic, Capitular and Cryptic—under one Grand Lodge and Grand Master, in each jurisdiction. As it is, our funds are squandered in costly charters, regalia, high salaries and printing, and very little left for the destitute brother and the widow and orphan. I think that no good results from subordination to the General Grand Chapter, and recommend that steps be taken to dissolve our connection therewith."

No decisions of importance rendered during the year.

The committee on foreign correspondence made a report, which was ordered to be published with the proceedings, but as the proceedings for 1873 were not then published, the report is omitted from the pamphlet now received.

The following report was presented, viz:

"Your Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address on the subject of dissolving our present connection with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, ask most respectfully to report that they deem any action on the subject at this time as inexpedient. They do not deem it necessary to discuss the question of power, upon which they entertain serious doubts."

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Companion George R. Fearn, of Canton, was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion J. L. Power, of Jackson, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The convocation for 1874, was also held in the city of Canton, beginning on the sixth day of February.

Companion Fearn, in his address, expresses greater confidence than seemed to exist last year. He says:

"I congratulate you upon being permitted to meet under circumstances so favorable. Throughout the broad limits of the country, the utmost peace and harmony prevail, with scarcely an interruption. The tidings from the East, the West, the North and the South, reveal the gratifying fact that the glorious mission of the Royal Craft is successfully prosecuted, and the principles of a higher and nobler morality are being each day and year more fully disseminated."

During the year dispensations were issued to organize two new Chapters, whose work was approved and charters granted by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest made a decision contrary to law, as follows:

"I directed the Secretary not to enter as suspended those members who were twelve months in arrears for dues. I am aware, companions, that this order or decision is in direct conflict with a regulation of this Grand Chapter. I do not believe that regulation correctly interprets the will of this Grand Chapter; nor is it in my opinion in accord with the spirit of our institution. It has been held in the Grand Lodge that no Mason shall be deprived of any of his Masonic privileges until an opportunity has been given him to be heard."

This decision was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and by them the decision of the Grand High Priest was sustained, and correctly so, too, as we think. With us the law is, that no member shall loose any of his Masonic rights by operation of law merely, but there must be charges, notification (if possible), trial and vote of the body.

Through the care and exertion of the Grand High Priest, Secretary and Treasurer, the financial embarrassment that has been hanging over this Grand Chapter, is now fast clearing away, and the morning of prosperity is now beginning to dawn,

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and by another year, we expect to see no financial complaint from Mississippi.

This year, instead of dissolving their connection with the General Grand Chapter, as recommended by the Grand High Priest last year, they have concluded to pay the one cent per capita to the General Grand Chapter. This is all right, companions. A few years since, we took the dissolving fever, but it only lasted one year; then we saw our error, and rescinded.

At a former meeting there was a committee appointed to consider the propriety of organizing a council of High Priesthood; said committee made their report at this meeting, recommending the same.

In accordance with the report of said committee, the companion High Priests assembled and proceeded to organize a council of High Priesthood, under the authority of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi, and elected officers as follows:

Companion J. M. Houry, of Oxford, M. E. President.

Companion P. M. Savery, of Baldwyn, E. Recorder.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Companion H. W. Walter, chairman, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, in the United States, Indiana among the number.

He also reviews England, Scotland, Ireland, Asia, Africa, and the continent of Europe, Brazil, Nova Scotia and Canada.

M. E. George R. Fearn, of Canton, re-elected Grand High Priest.

R. E., J. L. Power, of Jackson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Total number of working Chapters, eighty.

Number making returns, seventy-seven.

Exalted, one hundred and eighty-two.

Total membership, two thousand four hundred and sixty-two.

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MISSOURI.

The Grand Chapter convened in St. Louis, October 9, 1873.

M. E. James E. Carter, Grand High Priest, and George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest announced the death of John F. Ryland, Past Grand Master and Past High Priest, who died on the tenth of September, 1873.

The Grand Secretary also announces the death of James W. S. Mitchell, as follows:

"The Grand Secretary takes this means of informing the Craft in Missouri, that their first Grand High Priest, Companion Mitchell, died in Griffin, Georgia, November 4th, as learned by a letter from his daughter, dated November 12th.

"He was a great sufferer for several years, and death kindly came to his relief. He served as Grand High Priest during the first and second years of our Grand Chapter (1846 and 1847), and, as is well known, devoted about forty years of his life to Masonic publications and lectures. He will be mourned by a large number of his old companions.

"He also served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, in 1844 and 1845, and as Grand Secretary in 1847."

Here we have the news that two of the leading Masonic spirits in one of our sister jurisdictions, have fallen in one year —yes, in less than two short months; thus we go, and none can tell whose turn comes next.

The Grand High Priest issued dispensations for organizing four new Chapters, whose work was approved by the Grand Chapter, and charters granted.

The examining committee makes special mention of the handsome style in which the records of one of these new Chapters had been kept by the Secretary.

A dispensation to organize a new Chapter was also granted.

Comp. George Frank Gouley, as usual, makes the report on foreign correspondence, in which he hurriedly runs over sixteen States, making what he terms a "condensed report." In his hurry he leaps entirely over Indiana, at a single bound, touches Kentucky, gives Mississippi a three-line notice, and then plants

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himself firmly in the rich, rocky soil of Massachusetts, and produces over three pages, but then this is nearly all about the "Word."

Eighty Chapters on the rolls, with a membership of three thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine.

Exalted during the year, three hundred and eighty-two.

Companion Henophon Ryland, of Lexington, was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion George F. Gouley, of St. Louis, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Annual Grand Convocation met in Concord, May 20, 1873.

M. E. Edward Gustine, Grand High Priest, and E. Abel Hutchins, Grand Secretary,

The Grand High Priest seems to have had but little official business during the year.

He visited several Chapters, and issued one dispensation to form a new Chapter.

The work of this new Chapter was approved by the Grand Chapter, and a charter granted.

The business of the Grand Chapter was but meager, embracing about fifteen pages, and that in good, large type.

The report on foreign correspondence was made by Companion John J. Bell, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, our own included.

Companion Bell does not string out his report like some do, but only selects such as he thinks of general interest, and gives his companions the benefit of that, and leaves the fancy touches and hard names for others.

In his report of Connecticut he says:

"The Grand Chapter adopted a resolution imposing a tax of two dollars on each exaltation, with which to raise a fund to reprint the early records of the Grand Chapter.

"This is a new way of managing such things, and to us it seems better than to run in debt, and then levy the tax to pay the debt."

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We agree with Companion Bell, in this, and also with our Connecticut companions. It is much better to raise the money, and then do the work. This thing of grand bodies being in debt is not good policy. Our Grand Chapter has been there, but it is to be hoped that the lesson learned by issuing script will not have to be learned any more.

Nineteen Chapters on their roll, three of which are reported as "not represented."

Whole number of members, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three.

Exalted during the year, one hundred and twenty seven.

Companion Edward Gustine, of Keene, re-elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John A. Harris, of Concord, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The Seventeenth Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter, was held in the city of Trenton, September 10, 1873.

M. E., T. H. R. Redway, Grand High Priest, and E. John Woolverton, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest makes a very lengthy report detailing his official doings.

A New York Chapter violates Jersey jurisdiction, but the Grand High Priest of New York promises that the wrong, if any, shall be righted. This shows the proper fraternal spirit, and sailing is made easy.

But next we come to the trouble with Pennsylvania, and there it is very different.

This question of jurisdiction is of such importance that we quote the Grand High Priest of New Jersey, in full, on the trouble with Pennsylvania.

"In November last, I received a complaint from Cataract City Chapter, No. 10, at Paterson, setting forth that Lancaster Chapter, No. 43, of Pennsylvania, had received the petition, acted upon and elected, and had proceeded to confer the degrees of the Chapter upon Brother J. H. Wilmot, a candidate who

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had been twice balloted for and rejected by Cataract City Chapter, No. 10, permission having been asked by Chapter No. 43, to confer upon him the degrees, and Chapter No. 10 refusing to grant that permission. I immediately communicated the facts of the case to Most Excellent Companion Charles E. Meyer, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, and after a short time received his answer, which was to the effect, that upon a calm and unbiased examination of the case, he had found that Chapter No. 10 was as much to blame in the matter as Chapter No. 43, from the fact, as he states in his letter, that in reply to the request of Chapter No. 43, Chapter No. 10 answered by saying that the permission was not granted, but failed to state the reasons 'that he had been twice rejected.'

"Now, while we are of the opinion that it is the duty of a Secretary in communicating any action of the Chapter to a sister Chapter, to state exactly the action, to copy the resolution and transmit that, and while we believe that the Secretary of Cataract City Chapter, No. 10, should have stated in his correspondence with Chapter No. 43, the reason for their refusing to grant the permission, yet we do not think that this little oversight on his part can be at all interpreted as a justifiable reason for No. 43 to go on and confer the honors of Masonry upon a candidate whom they had every reason to believe, both from his own statement, and the fact that permission to confer the same had been refused by a Chapter, under its seal, and signed by the Secretary, even though in that communication they failed to discover the words, 'he having been rejected,' as the reason for the permission not being granted.

"The action of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, in the matter, was to declare him as the property of Cataract City Chapter, No. 10. The action of Chapter No. 43 is null and void, he having been illegally made, and only a sojourner at best.

"Now, what the law is in Pennsylvania, upon this subject, we are unable to say; but in our own jurisdiction, having a statute against making a Royal Arch Mason at large, we must necessarily decide that the status of J. H. Wilmot, the candidate in this complaint, is of an unaffiliated character.

"The Grand High Priest, however, (of Pennsylvania), has done all he could to make proper reparation for the wrong done, and I hope in the future we shall have no more cases of this kind to complain of."

The committee to whom this subject was referred, made the following report, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

"In the matter relating to Cataract City Chapter, No. 10, and Lancaster Chapter, No. 43, of Pennsylvania, that the matter of jurisdiction having been fully maintained by the Grand High Priest, and the illegality of the act of making Brother J. H. Wilmot a Royal Arch Mason, by Lancaster Chapter, No. 43, of Pennsylvania, having been established by the Grand High

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Priest of that State: That so far as the act is concerned, the authorities have disposed of its status, and that the illegally made companion stands in this jurisdiction without recognition as a Royal Arch Mason."

It is to be lamented very much that our companions of Pennsylvania will not take the proper stand on this question of jurisdiction, and cease this thing of working on sojourners. In this case, the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania has shown a spirit of advancement. Here is now a Royal Arch Mason, according to Pennsylvania, that will not be recognized as such where he lives.

In 1866, a similar action to this of New Jersey, was taken by the Grand Chapter of this State, on a Pennsylvania-made Royal Arch Mason.

"I have been asked * * * for permission to receive the petition and confer the degrees of the Chapter upon a brother, a member of * * * Lodge, whose right limb is bent stiff at an angle of about forty-five degrees. My decision was that he could not be made."

The charter of a Chapter was demanded by the Grand High Priest for permitting the secrecy of the ballot to be constantly violated, and as we think, served them right.

Three dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters; work approved, and charters granted by the Grand Chapter.

Companion Thomas J. Corson, made the report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, our own included. This report embraces one hundred and one pages, all written by his daughter at his dictation, he being unable to write in consequence of diseased eyes. We hope he will be able next time to make the report without assistance.

M. E. William H. McIlhanney, of Elizabeth, elected Grand High Priest, and Thomas J. Corson, of Trenton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Thirty-two Chapters reported.

Two thousand five hundred and eighty-three members.

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NEW YORK.

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Convocation was held in the city of Albany, commencing on the third day of February, 1874.

M. E. Thomas C. Cassidy, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest issued two, and the Deputy Grand High Priest issued one, dispensation, to organize new Chapters, whose work was approved and charters granted.

On the Iowa jurisdictional case the Grand High Priest says:

"Just as my predecessor, M. E. Companion Rees G. Williams, was about to retire from your Grand East, he received a complaint from Hudson Chapter, No. 6, at Hudson, New York, complaining that Tabernacle Chapter, No. 52, of Waterloo, Iowa, had advanced and exalted a brother who had been three times rejected in Hudson Chapter, and who was only temporarily sojourning in Iowa. This unlawful act was performed by the Iowa Chapter, notwithstanding its High Priest had been fully informed by the candidate that he had been rejected by Hudson Chapter, No. 6, etc.

"I at an early date (March 11th), made formal complaint to the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, furnishing him the necessary proof of the improper and discourteous action of his subordinate. On the fourteenth of same month he expressed his surprise at the conduct complained of, and informed me that he had issued an edict, commanding the offending Chapter to call a special convocation on the seventeenth of the month, and directed it to make the *amende honorable*. This edict Tabernacle Chapter complied with, and their official action was forwarded to me by the Grand High Priest of Iowa, under date of March twentieth.

"If the matter had here rested, I should not feel myself obliged to further refer to it; but his letter was so discourteous to the Royal Arch Masons of this jurisdiction, so utterly uncalled for, that I have deemed it my duty officially to direct your attention to the case, and have enclosed all the documents in package marked 'A.'"

The committee to whom this subject was referred, after making a lengthy report, in which they speak of the "aspersions" of the Grand High Priest of Iowa, and which are unjust and unfounded, they recommend the following:

"*Resolved*, That each of the Chapters within this jurisdiction has sole and exclusive jurisdiction over the material within its bounds, and that any of the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry which shall be conferred upon any such candidate either within or without the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter,

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without such consent, shall be held to be clandestinely conferred; and when a candidate shall be rejected by any Chapter within this jurisdiction, any of the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry thereafter conferred upon such candidate, without its consent, shall be held to be clandestinely conferred."

This resolution, however, was too much for the Grand Chapter; such arrogance would not quite go down.

This would seem to show to our mind that the Empire State wanted to assume to itself the fatherly care of legislating for the entire Masonic world. Some folks think it well enough to legislate for themselves; but not so with our New York committee.

After due consideration the report was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to amend in accordance with the wishes of the Grand Chapter, as expressed by vote on the proposition submitted. The amended report is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That it being the sense of this Grand Chapter that each of its subordinates has sole and exclusive jurisdiction over all the Chapter material for degrees, and that such degrees when conferred upon a candidate either within or without the State, by any Chapter not having such jurisdiction, is an irregularity; and further, believing that conferring such degrees by a Chapter upon a candidate who has been rejected in another Chapter, without the consent of the Chapter rejecting him, is also an irregularity, respectfully request the General Grand Chapter to adopt regulations upon the subject embracing these principles."

This was adopted by the Grand Chapter, and does not pretend to legislate for the Masonic world, and declare Royal Arch Masons made in a *regular and legitimate Chapter, clandestine Masons*, but only expresses their views, and requests the General Grand Chapter to pass a law embracing this principle. This will do very well; but we don't think the General Grand Chapter will do so; but if it does meddle with the subject, it certainly can not legislate beyond its own jurisdiction, even though the New York committee should desire it.

The Grand High Priest declined to issue a dispensation "to make a Royal Arch Mason at sight," the law in his State prohibiting such things. This is as it should be.

Companion Wesley B. Church was introduced, and "cordially welcomed" as the Grand Representative of the Grand

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Chapter of Iowa. It is to be hoped that this *Church* will let its loving influence so shine that there may not even be a mist of jealousy or discord between the two jurisdictions, about violated jurisdiction or anything else.

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter condemns the practice of framing or hanging warrants on the walls of Chapter rooms."

Companion D. A. Ogden (next time give the full name), presented the report on foreign correspondence, and reviews the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters. In his review of Indiana, he quotes largely from Companion Hacker's historic address, in relation to the origin of the Order of High Priesthood, and commends it to the favorable consideration of the Royal Craft.

One hundred and eighty-seven Chapters report eighteen thousand four hundred and eighty-one members.

M. E. Thomas C. Cassidy, of New York, re-elected Grand High Priest, and Christopher G. Fox, re elected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Grand Chapter held a special convocation in the city of Halifax, December 27, 1872

This special convocation was held for the purpose of considering and acting upon a number of pending amendments to the grand constitution and general regulations, which being disposed of, and there being no further business before the Grand Chapter, it was closed in ample form.

The Fourth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Halifax, on the third day of June. In what year? We suppose in 1873.

M. E., S. R. Sircom, Grand High Priest, and R. E. James Gossip, Grand Secretary.

"I am highly gratified in being able to report Capitular Masonry steadily progressing in this Province, under the government of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, and that our relations with the Grand Chapters of England and those on this continent, without a single exception, continue to be of the most friendly and satisfactory character. Some of the Grand Chapters have appointed

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companions here to represent them near this Grand Chapter; their credentials will be presented to-day."

One new Chapter was organized during the year by dispensation from the Grand High Priest; their work was approved and a charter granted by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest believes in cultivating friendly relations with other Grand Chapters, and to further that end he appoints twenty Grand Representatives. This looks as though his successors would not have much chance for glory in this direction. All right, M. E.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland persistently refuses to recognize this Grand Chapter; therefore, the following was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, By the report hereto annexed of the committee appointed by the Grand Chapter of Scotland to consider the request of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, for recognition of their supremacy in this jurisdiction, it appears that the said Grand Chapter of Scotland finally declines the recognition demanded.

"*Be it resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, having made every effort for the past three years to effect a complete union of all the Chapters in this Province, and having failed, now think it time that the spirit of our constitution should be adhered to, and our supreme authority over Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction positively asserted. We do, therefore, now declare and proclaim that UNION CHAPTER, No. 108, Yarmouth, and ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 130, Picton, both in this Province, and holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, as *irregular;* and further, that the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia forbids its subordinate Chapters holding any Masonic intercourse as Royal Arch Masons with said irregular Chapters until such time as this edict is revoked.

"*Further Resolved*, That a copy of this circular be forwarded to all Chapters in this jurisdiction, and to all the Grand Chapters of the world."

Companion James Gossip made the report on foreign correspondence, in which he *gossips* through the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Chapters in a very agreeable manner.

Six Chapters report forty exaltations and two hundred and twenty-three members.

M. E Stephen R. Sircom, of Halifax, re-elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. James Gossip, of Halifax, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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OHIO.

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Toledo, commencing September 2, 1873. Companion J. Kelly O'Neall, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The address presents the Royal Craft in Ohio in a fair and prosperous condition.

No dispensations to organize new Chapters during the year were called for. This he does not complain of, believing the present number of Chapters ample to accommodate all who are worthy and will apply. The last Chapter chartered bears No. 137, and is named "Coolville," but is not situated as far north as its name might indicate.

"The applications made to me for dispensations to elect and install officers have, during the year, been very numerous, and have occasioned a very large proportion of the correspondence and labor of the Grand High Priest's office. In a majority of instances the omissions which render these applications necessary arise from inattention to the business and interest of the Chapter, and are hardly excusable.

"A due regard to punctuality on the part of the officers and members of subordinate Chapters would render applications for the exercise of the dispensing power for such purposes extremely rare. The omissions are more frequently attributable to the neglect of officers than of members. The importance of setting an example of zeal and diligence should be deeply impressed on the mind of every officer, and necessity alone should furnish an excuse for the omission of a known duty. With such officers our companions would learn promptness; delay for want of a quorum would no longer be known, and our Chapters, by their cheerful labors, would illustrate the virtues we teach."

Charters were granted to two Chapters whose dispensations were issued the year previous.

The by-laws of a Chapter were amended by striking out "and any regularly ordained minister of the gospel may receive the degrees free of charge, three-fourths of the members agreeing thereto." This action we believe to be correct. Why should Masonry be given away?

Companion S. M. Sullivan presents the report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, Indiana included in the number.

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Number of Chapters, one hundred and thirty-one.

Exalted during the year, six hundred and nineteen.

Total membership, seven thousand six hundred and eleven.

Companion J. (what does that J. mean?) Kelly O'Neall, of Lebanon, Grand High Priest.

Companion James Nesbit, of Troy, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Convocation for 1874, Dayton, September 8.

OREGON for 1873.

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Portland, June 6, 1873.

M. E. James R. Bayley, Grand High Priest, and R. E., R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary.

Six Chapters report two hundred and three members.

No business of general importance transacted, and indeed but very little of any kind.

Companion T. McF. Patton makes a good report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, Indiana for 1872 included.

We agree with you that the subordinate Chapter has control of the Chapter material within her bounds, and has a perfect right to relinquish that material to some other, either within or without the jurisdiction. This is often times a matter of great inconvenience, and should at all reasonable calls be treated with due courtesy.

Companion James R. Bayley re-elected Grand High Priest, and Companion R. P. Earhart re-elected Grand Secretary.

OREGON for 1874.

We have not received the proceedings for 1874, but have received the report on foreign correspondence, and regret that the proceedings do not accompany the report. These reports are now a necessary accompaniment, but they do not supply all that was transacted.

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Therefore being unable to report anything that was done by the Grand Chapter of Oregon, we will report that Companion T. McF. Patton has made a good report in his review of twenty-two Grand Chapters. In this number we find that Indiana is very well represented.

But we think there is a mistake somewhere, for Indiana does not require continual membership in a lodge in order to retain a proper Chapter standing. We do require a membership in a lodge as a pre-requisite to gaining admission to the Chapter, but not a continued membership; this membership may not be in our own State, but it must be somewhere.

PENNSYLVANIA.

This Grand Chapter held a *Quarterly Grand Communication* at Philadelphia, February 6, 1873.

Companion Charles E. Meyer, Grand High Priest, and Companion John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

An *Extra Grand Communication* was held on the third day of April, 1873.

No business of importance was transacted at either of said communications.

Quarterly Grand Communication held on the first day of May, 1873, at which time "Companion George Griscom, Past Grand High Priest, read a very interesting memorial on the death of Past Grand High Priest, Companion David C. Skerrett."

"The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the death of the Grand King of the Grand Chapter, Companion John Wilson, Jr, and in an eloquent address gave a very highly eulogistic sketch of his Masonic virtues and works."

Quarterly Grand Communication held on the seventh of August, 1873, but no business of importance transacted.

Extra Grand Communication held September 29, 1873. On this occasion their "New Masonic Temple" was dedicated with grand and imposing ceremonies, there being a full list of grand officers and past grand officers, likewise delegations from a very large number of other State Grand Chapters.

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Quarterly Grand Communication held November 7, 1873. At this communication Companion Thomas Brown, Grand Treasurer, resigned, and his accounts were submitted, examined and approved.

The grand officers were elected on this occasion, Companion Andrew Robeno, Jr., Grand High Priest, and Companion John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

Annual Grand Communication held December 27, 1873, Companion Charles E. Meyer, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding, and Companion John Thomson, Grand Secretary

The Grand High Priest presents a lengthy report of his doings for the year; also enumerating several decisions, all of which are in accordance with general Masonic usage.

After the reading of the Grand High Priest's report, Companion Andrew Robeno, Jr., Grand High Priest elect, was duly installed, and then followed the installation of the remaining elected grand officers.

The Grand High Priest then made the usual appointments to fill the other official positions, including *fourteen Grand Chaplains.* This is enough to make a modest Hoosier fear that the companions of Pennsylvania think themselves "mighty wicked."

Companion William J. Kelley presents the report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters, Indiana included, in which we are treated very kindly and approvingly, with the exception that Companion Kelley does not approve of the summary manner in which Companion Chesnutwood disposed of Companion Horner, of Louisiana.

Now, Companion Kelley, you must bear in mind that Companion Horner is a good hand at short cuts and "heavy slashes" himself, and when Companion Chesnutwood thought that Companion Horner set himself up as espousing the cause of the rumseller, it is no wonder that he was disposed of in such a hurry. We may be mistaken, but the best way that I know of by which to judge of any one's views is to see what he says, and by no means would wish to offer an unkind word or thought

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toward any companion; yet, at the same time, we have our views, and must confess that they do not accord with Companion Horner's on the liquor question

Number of Chapters, ninety, with a membership of nine thousand two hundred and nine.

Exalted during the year, nine hundred and eighty-seven.

M. E. Grand High Priest, Andrew Robeno, Jr., of Philadelphia.

Grand Secretary, John Thomson, of Philadelphia.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was begun and held in the city of Charleston, on Tuesday, the tenth day of February, 1874.

Companion Augustine T. Smythe, R. E Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding, and Companion M. B. Moses, Grand Secretary.

The grim monster, death, having entered the Grand Council of this Grand Chapter and taken away the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion James Birnie, the Deputy Grand High Priest, in his address, says:

"It is with a sad heart I take up the duty which devolves upon me, of addressing you to-day, as we assemble once more for annual council beneath the arch of our temple. Our meeting, looking forward to a season of pleasant greetings and fraternal intercourse, is darkened with the shadow of a great sorrow, and our temple itself is hung with the solemn habiliments of mourning, instead of the usual garlands of festive and gladsome rejoicing.

"He who should have this day guided our councils, and presided over our deliberations, our Grand High Priest, James Birnie—is dead!"

The death of Past Grand Secretary, Companion Ebenezer Thayer, is also announced.

The Grand Chapter took appropriate action upon both of these cases.

A committee of sympathy waited upon Companion Robert S. Bruns, Past Grand High Priest, also Past Deputy General

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Grand High Priest, but were unable to communicate with him, owing to his extreme illness. In a foot note the Grand Secretary reports the death of Companion Bruns, "only three days after."

The Deputy Grand High Priest reports having granted two dispensations during the year to organize new Chapters, whose work was approved by the Grand Chapter, and charters were granted.

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

"A Master Mason who becomes maimed in person is not thereby absolutely disqualified from receiving Capitular Degrees, but the degree of injury or maiming shall be minutely and accurately reported to the M. E. Grand High Priest, by the High Priest of the subordinate Chapter, and if in the judgment of the M. E. Grand High Priest the injury or maiming does not essentially disqualify the applicant from conforming to the ceremonies and requirements of the Chapter, he may, by dispensation, authorize the subordinate Chapter to receive the petition of the applicant."

They also changed the laws so as to pay their representatives and officers mileage and per diem, instead of expenses, as heretofore.

Thirty Chapters represented.

Exalted, eighty-three.

Membership, nine hundred and thirty-eight.

Companion Augustine T. Smythe, of Charleston, was elected Grand High Priest.

Companion Myer B. Moses, of Sumter, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

This Grand Chapter held her annual convocation for 1873 in the city of Nashville, November 5.

Companion John W. Paxton, Grand High Priest, being absent, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion Joseph M. Anderson, presided.

Companion John Frizzell, Grand Secretary, by whom the address of the Grand High Priest was read.

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The Grand High Priest, in his address, speaks of the peace, harmony and fair prosperity of the Order in that jurisdiction, and also that during the year he has had but little official business to attend to. He says:

"I have had but one application, I am happy to say, during the year, for a dispensation for a new Chapter."

By this we must infer that the Grand High Priest thinks it is much better to work well in old Chapters than strive to make new ones, which in many localities would be good doctrine, but in other places we think a new Chapter would be an advantage to the Craft. But at the same time we never should allow quantity to prevail over quality.

He urges a change in their regulations so as to elect officers the first thing after opening the Grand Chapter and the reading of and referring the Grand High Priest's address. This subject was referred to a committee, which reported in favor of the change, and submitted the following on the subject, viz:

"The election and installation of Grand Officers shall be the first business in order after the opening of the Grand Chapter at each annual convocation, and the reading and reference of the annual address of the Grand High Priest."

But the proceedings show that this part of the report of the committee "was non-concurred in."

The report on correspondence was submitted by Companion John Frizzell, all of which occupies about four pages of printed matter.

Seventy-three Chapters represented, of the ninety-four reported on their rolls.

Exalted during the year, two hundred and thirty-four.

Total number of Royal Arch Masons, four thousand one hundred and sixty-eight.

Companion Joseph M. Anderson, of Lebanon, was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John Frizzell, of Nashville, Grand Secretary.

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TEXAS.

Twenty-Fourth Annual Convocation, began and held in the city of Houston, June the 4th, 1873.

M. E. Norton Moses, Grand High Priest.

"Our State has been blest with an abundant harvest, and, as far as I know, but two of our members have been called hence by the summons of death. M. E. Past Grand High Priest, E. B. Nichols, has been summoned by our Supreme Grand High Priest, from labor to refreshment. He died at Galveston, on the thirtieth day of November, 1872. He was elected Grand High Priest in 1851; and subsequently Grand Master, and M. E. Grand Commander, all of which positions he filled with credit to himself, and honor to Masonry."

The Grand High Priest granted eight dispensations, and the Deputy Grand High Priest, five Thus thirteen dispensations to form new Chapters, in one year, seems to be a good business in that line.

"Our roll of Chapters now sums up to something over one hundred and ten Chapters, and some twelve or fifteen Under Dispensation, and while the Royal Arch Craft is thus prospering, and thousands of immigrants are coming into our jurisdiction, from every quarter, I admonish you to guard well the portals which lead to our sanctuary, and remember that the quality, and not the quantity of material worked in, is what constitutes a good Chapter.

"The vices of profanity, drunkenness and gambling can not be too closely guarded against; they are not only inconsistent with the principles of Masonry, but derogatory to the character of gentlemen; and a Master Mason who will violate his vow, or betray his trust in the indulgence of either of these vices, or engage in anything that will have a tendency to affect his moral standing, is unfit material for a Royal Arch Mason."

The Grand High Priest decided that in the absence of the High Priest, King, and Scribe, at a stated Convocation, and business to transact, "the last Past High Priest present might open and preside," and this was sustained by the Grand Chapter.

The Deputy Grand High Priest presents the following case:

"Sometime in January, I received a communication from Companions H. R. Cooper and E. B. Thompson, members of Hallville Chapter, Under Dispensation, stating that the Chapter room at Hallville had been occupied, on Thursday night, January 2d, as a public ball room, and believing it to be

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contrary to the spirit and principles of Masonry, desired an expression of the opinion of this Grand Chapter thereon. I herewith submit the substance of my opinion, as given in answer to said communication:

"While there has been no positive legislation, upon the part of the Grand Chapter, as to what discretionary power a subordinate Chapter should exercise in appropriating their Chapter rooms for purposes other than the one for which they were built and intended, yet there is a moral and fundamental principle in the solemn and sublime teachings of Masonry, that should admonish every well informed and proper thinking Mason, that the use of a Chapter room for the purposes specified in said communication, is improper, and should not be practiced. It is certainly a very great perversion of the real object for which they are erected and solemnly dedicated, and greatly tends to compromise and bring into disrepute the teachings of an institution, the sacred tenets of which should be strictly guarded by its devotees."

Upon this subject the following resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Royal Arch Chapter hereby disapproves the conduct of Hallville Chapter, Under Dispensation, in allowing its Chapter room to be used for a public ball, or dancing party."

Thirteen charters were granted to Chapters which had been working Under Dispensation, and two charters were granted upon direct petition to the Grand Chapter. Several dormant Chapters were revived, and some applications continued, and left to the discretion of the Grand Officers.

The following resolution was adopted, and if carried out will effectually remedy the bad habit in Texas:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter deprecates the practice that has for some time prevailed among the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, viz: calling Chapters after living men; and in future this Grand Chapter will not grant a charter, for the formation of a new Chapter, to any set of the Royal Craft so applying."

Companion Robert M. Elgin, for the committee, presented the report on foreign correspondence, in which the proceedings of thirty one Grand Chapters are reviewed.

Indiana receives fraternal notice.

The Chapters on the roll number as high as one hundred and ten, with thirteen Under Dispensation.

Total membership, four thousand and twenty-two.

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M. E , H. J. McBride, of Tyler, was elected Grand High Priest.

E., Robert Brewster, of Houston, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS for 1874.

Annual Convocation held in the city of Houston, commencing on the third day of June.

M. E., H. J. McBride, Grand High Priest, and E. Robert Brewster, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest announces the death of Past Grand High Priest, William T. Austin, and in a feeling manner portrays the many virtues and excellencies of the departed companion.

One charter was granted for a new Chapter, one dispensation declined, and one charter arrested for "good and sufficient cause," by the Grand High Priest.

He decides that according to Texas law, a companion may be a member of more than one Chapter.

"I know of no law or regulation of this Grand Chapter denying the right of a subordinate Chapter to open, for the purpose of work, in the respective degrees of the Royal Craft with a requisite number, partly composed of visiting companions. In balloting upon applicants for degrees or membership, an election can not be declared unless there be nine ballots cast. In balloting upon applications for membership none are entitled to cast a ballot except members of the Chapter to which application is made. Hence, in such cases, before a ballot can be taken on such applications, or for the transaction of its ordinary business, there must be at least nine Royal Arch Masons present who are members of the Chapter in which the ballot is to be taken."

Many more decisions were rendered by the Grand High Priest, but local in character, and not of sufficient general importance to transcribe.

Three charters were granted for new Chapters on direct petition to the Grand Chapter, and two declined.

There was a considerable amount of business transacted, but of such local character that it is thought not advisable to farther quote.

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Companion Robert M. Elgin made the report on foreign correspondence, in which he fraternally comments on the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, Indiana included.

Ninety seven Chapters return three thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight members, a decrease since last report of sixty-four members.

M. E., W. K. McAlpine, of Galveston, elected Grand High Priest, and E. Robert Brewster, of Houston, re-elected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation in the city of Burlington, on Friday, June 13, 1873.

E , John W. Clark, Deputy Grand High Priest, in the chair, and E., W. H. S. Whitcomb, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest, Companion Edward A. Jewett, not being present, the Deputy Grand High Priest presented a report in which he says:

"In my official capacity as Deputy Grand High Priest, I have not been called upon during the year, up to this hour of our Convocation, to perform any duties. I have been informed that the M. E. Grand High Priest would not be present at this Convocation, to give us the light of his knowledge garnered during the year.

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence not being in readiness to report, and it being understood that it was nearly complete and prepared by Companion Henry Clark, it was ordered to accept it, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to procure and publish it with the proceedings."

Then comes the Grand Secretary with the following note:

"The report on Foreign Correspondence (which was expected of Companion Clark, Chairman of the Committee) has not been furnished, and I am obliged to send out the proceedings without it."

One Chapter was granted permission to change its location, and one charter granted to a new Chapter.

The one cent per capita was ordered for the General Grand Chapter.

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The following note from the Grand High Priest was received too late to be presented to the Grand Chapter, but is inserted after the Chapter proceedings:

"CHICAGO, ILL., July 10, 1873.

"On the fourth ultimo, I mailed my annual communication to the Grand Chapter, to be read at the Annual Convocation, which was held June 13th. I am now informed by Companion Brinsmaid that the communication referred to has not been received. I regret exceedingly the seeming discourtesy on my part to the Grand Chapter, by reason of my inability to attend, and the failure of my letter to reach them; and I beg to assure you that, had it been possible, nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to have met the companions assembled on that occasion.

"Although it may be my lot never again to meet the companions of my native State in Grand Convocation, I shall ever cherish the warmest love for the Grand Chapter, in whose jurisdiction I was 'exalted,' and allow me through you, to express to the Grand Chapter my grateful appreciation of their kindness, and thanks for the many honors conferred upon me.

"Yours, fraternally,

"EDWARD A. JEWETT."

Of the twenty-four old Chapters, and one Under Dispensation, all were represented but one.

Total membership, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two.

M. E. John W. Clark, of Montpelier, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Companion W. H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

Met in annual Grand Convocation in the city of Richmond, on the eleventh day of December, 1873. M. E. Robert E. Withers, Grand High Priest, and E. Companion John Dove, Grand Secretary, with a deputy.

"On thus re-assembling in Grand Annual Convocation, I congratulate you on the peaceful and harmonious condition of our jurisdiction.

"Few questions have arisen, requiring adjudication; no appeals have been presented, no grievances complained of. I fear, indeed, that our state of quietude may, to some extent, be ascribed to apathy.

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"Royal Arch Masonry, outside of the cities and large towns, seems to elicit too little interest. Its elevating principles and ennobling precepts, its magnificent ritual and benign influence, certainly present the strongest possible claims on the confidence and support of the Masonic fraternity. Confident of the ultimate triumph of the sacred principles which underlie our Order, we may safely wait with patience the full fruition of our hopes."

The death of M. E. Companion Levi L. Stevenson, Past Grand High Priest, is announced in terms of great veneration and praise.

No dispensations issued this year for the formation of new Chapters.

All complications growing out of the formation of the new Grand Chapter in what was the territory of the Old Dominion, but now West Virginia, have all been adjusted in a truly Masonic manner, and peace and good will characterizes the *old* towards the *new* Grand Chapter. May they ever remain happy.

The financial prospect of the Grand Chapter is "looming," "leaving a balance of fifty-eight dollars and seventy-two cents due the Grand Treasurer." We think it is lucky thus to have a Grand Treasurer to fall back on.

Here it seems the Grand Chapter has control of the Order of High Priesthood. Why, we are unable to conjecture. With us the Council of High Priesthood and the Grand Chapter are as distinct as are the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter; they may have business transactions the same as other organizations, but nothing more.

As the subject of maimed applicants is now attracting a very great amount of attention in the various Grand Chapters, perhaps mostly growing out of the very liberal action of the Grand Chapter of Ohio on this subject, I have thought it advisable to here insert the rule in this old jurisdiction:

"*Resolved*, That a candidate for the degrees conferred by and in a Chapter should possess the same physical qualifications as are required by the landmarks of Masonry, as understood and explained by the Grand Lodge of Virginia in regard to a profane."

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Thus it will be observed that the Chapter accepts and indorses the qualifications required by the Lodge, and does not pretend to set up any separate standard.

Companion William B. Isaacs presents the report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters in a very pleasant and agreeable manner. Indiana is not, however, included. Why this is so we can't say; it is the design to send our proceedings to all our sister Grand Chapters.

Forty-three Chapters report a membership of one thousand five hundred and fifty-nine.

M. E., B. M. Harris, of Richmond, Grand High Priest.

E. Companion John Dove, of Richmond, Grand Secretary.

E. Companion William B. Isaacs, of Richmond, Deputy Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA

Comes to us, two years in one book The Convocation of 1872 met in Wheeling, November the 14th.

The Grand High Priest, Companion Thomas H. Logan, congratulates the companions very much upon the prosperity of the Royal Craft under their new jurisdiction, and believes that it will redound to the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry.

During the year he had issued three dispensations for the formation of new Chapters. These, after an inspection of their work by the Grand Chapter, were granted charters.

Some slight difference of opinion exists between the Grand High Priest, and the Grand High Priest of Virginia, about the Grand Chapter of Virginia granting a charter to a Chapter in West Virginia, which had been working under a dispensation from the Grand High Priest of Virginia, but there is no doubt that the conciliatory course pursued by Companion Logan, in yielding for the present, will bring the Chapter under his jurisdiction in the end, and harmony still be maintained.

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One dispensation to form a new Chapter was granted by the Grand Chapter, and the necessary steps taken to revive a defunct Chapter.

Nine Chapters now fully organized, but we fail to find anything as to the number of members. Perhaps the machinery is not yet all in working order, therefore we will expect something more next time.

M. E. Thomas H. Logan, of Wheeling, re-elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion O. S. Long, also of Wheeling, re-elected Grand Secretary.

No report on foreign correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA for 1873.

The Third Grand Annual Convocation, held at Wheeling, November 13th, 1873.

"It is now our privilege to enjoy the fellowship, and our duty to engage in the labors of another Grand Annual Convocation. Permit me to congratulate you on the favorable circumstances which thus far have attended the history of this Grand Chapter. Its beginning was humble and its work is yet limited; but we are pursuaded that a wider field is opening before it, and ere long, if we are faithful and diligent craftsmen, we will have ample opportunity for honorable and successful occupation.

"It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the fraternal and cordial greeting and recognition which has been extended to us by many of the Grand Chapters of the United States."

One dispensation granted to form a new Chapter, which, together with the one granted last year by the Grand Chapter, were, after inspection by the proper committee, granted charters.

During this year, the Grand High Priest, in accordance with authority of the Grand Chapter, issued charters to one resuscitated Chapter, and to two Chapters which applied for admission, they holding formerly under the Mother Grand Chapter (Virginia).

Companion Thomas H. Logan, re-elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Odell S. Long, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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Whole number of Chapters, fourteen.

Membership, four hundred and fifty-one.

Companion O. S. Long submits the report on foreign correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters, but we find nothing from Indiana.

Companion Long certainly has the best of the argument, in the case of Kansas, refusing recognition to West Virginia.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Milwaukee, commencing February 17th, 1874.

M E., C. F. G. Collins, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The address is decidedly flattering to the Royal Craft in the "Badger" State.

"In the matter of official decisions, I have to report a condition of things almost millenial, not having been called upon for one during the year, unless the matter of approval of a code of by-laws, which I will refer to hereafter, should be so considered. I deem this the best possible evidence of the perfect adaptation of our Constitution to our wants, and a deserved compliment to the officers of our subordinate Chapters."

Two dispensations were issued authorizing new Chapters. Their work was submitted to a committee for examination, and was approved, and charters granted.

A proposition to amend the Constitution so as to require Chapters to pay as Grand Chapter dues, as follows: for each exaltation, five dollars, and each member other than those exalted during the year, the sum of seventy-five cents. This will come up for final action next year. At these rates our companions in Wisconsin must run their Grand Chapter on an expensive scale. We charge two dollars for exaltation, and twenty-five cents for other members, and this affords us ample means, for necessary expenses, and occasionally give something to our needy neighbors, and earnestly hope that there will never be any cause for a return.

The following resolution was adopted:

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"That a protest against the advancement of a candidate may be made privately to the High Priest, and shall thereupon be entered upon the Chapter records, and shall have the same preventive effect, and for the same length of time, as a rejection by ballot."

This is undoubtedly good law, where they have a law requiring a certain time to lapse before the rejected candidate can again petition.

An objection with us holds good until withdrawn, or the objector ceases to be a member, but the rejected party upon a *ballot* may renew his application at any time.

Companion J. P. C. Cottrill presents an excellent report on correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters. Among the number Indiana receives a very agreeable notice.

"The report states that in Connecticut it is held that a member stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues, becomes thereby non-affiliated, and can regain membership only by petition and a clear ballot. This doctrine surprises and startles us. We have always supposed that the law was universal that a member suspended, excluded or striken from the rolls for non-payment of dues, might at any time, by paying the arrears and accrued dues, assume his former Masonic standing."

We think this to be the correct law, and act accordingly. With us, no member can be deprived of any rights by operation of law only, but the law is to be put in force by charges, trial and vote of the body, whether it be for non-payment of dues or anything else.

If he be suspended, he may at any time pay the amount charged against him, and thus restore himself to the privileges of the Order, and then stand as an unaffiliated Mason, and may apply for membership the same as any other unaffiliated Mason may apply, and of course it takes a clear ballot to elect to membership

When a member is suspended or expelled, does he not lose his membership? Certain acts of his own may remove the stigma that has been placed upon him, as the payment of dues, if that was the cause, or, for other causes, a certain proportionate vote of the body may remove the cause, but to

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gain *membership* in a Masonic body I know of but one way, and that is by petition and a *unanimous vote* in his favor.

In your review of 1873 you complain of that final *s* attached to Host, which must have been caused by some unguarded flourish of the pen, and the printer supposed it was intended for *s*, that is all. Wonders will never cease, will they?

Forty-three Chapters represented, two of which were Under Dispensation.

Exalted during the year, two hundred and seventy-eight.

Total membership, two thousand six hundred and thirty-three.

Companion J. H. Evans, of Plattsville. was elected M. E. Grand High Priest

Companion J. W Woodhull was elected Grand Secretary.

Companion E. Secretary, next time give the first name in full, it is far more preferable.

CONCLUSION.

Having thus, my companions, endeavored to give you such a report as I have been able to furnish by giving extracts from the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters in order that you may see what they are doing, their action upon various subjects which are of interest to all, and therefore affect all, and have given my views on many of the subjects under consideration, these views have been such as are generally entertained by this jurisdiction.

Believing this the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, rather than the vehicle of personal attack upon some companion with whom we may disagree, or upon the other hand, "to fall down and worship" some who say pretty things in a good style.

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I have therefore made no attempt at "wit, wisdom and sarcasm," for if I had, it would have been a failure, not possessing the ability for any of these, neither has it been my design to use any harsh terms towards my companion reporters, and if such may seem to be the case I ask that it be attributed to my inability to properly handle the subject, and not a desire to be harsh or do any one a wrong.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER THOMAS.

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List of Grand Chapters, Number of Subordinate Chapters, Number Exalted, Number of Members, and the Grand Officers, with their Post-Office Address.

State.	Chapters.	Exalted.	Members	Grand High Priest.	Grand Secretary.	Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.
Alabama.	65	112	1691	Myles J. Greene, Loachapoka.	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery. .	Palmer J. Pillans.
Arkansas.	69	154	1672	Sam W. Williams, Little Rock	Luke E. Barber, Little Rock .	No report.
California	38	237	2268	Wm. Alex. January, San Jose.	Chas. L. Wiggins, San Francisco	C. L. Wiggins, S. Fran'o
Canada	54	380	2492	C. D. Macdonnel, Peterboro .	Thos. B. Harris, Hamilton, Ont	Henry Robertson.
Connecticut. . . .	33	216	3962	Edmund Tweedy, Danbury .	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.	John N. Lewis.
Delaware	16	32	296	Geo. W. Stone, Wilmington .	J. P. Allmond, Wilmington .	No report.
District of Columbia	8	111	1093	Noble D. Larner, Washington.	Lewis G. Stephens, Washington	E. B. MacGroty, Was'n
Florida.	23	31	458	Michael Bowes, Jacksonville .	Dewitt C. Dawkins, Jacksonv'e	John. S. Briggs
Georgia	55	144	1952	Luther J. Glenn, Atlanta . . .	J. Emmett Blackshear, Macon.	No report.
Illinois	160	604	9515	G. E. Launsbury, Mound City.	James H. Miles, Chicago . .	Jas. H. Miles, Chicago.
Indiana	90	356	4332	Alex. Thomas, Terre Haute .	John M. Bramwell, Indianap's	Alex. Thomas, T. Haute
Iowa	69	339	3268	Robert P. Bower, Keokuk . .	Wm. B. Langridge, Muscatine.	U. D. Taylor.
Kansas	25	121	925	John M. Price, Atchison . . .	Erasmus T. Carr, Leavenworth	E. T. Carr, Leavenw'h
Kentucky	106	251	3885	D. P. Robb, Versailles . . .	J. M. S. McCorkle, Louisville .	H. A. M. Henderson.
Louisiana	29	98	1528	Joseph P. Horner, New Orleans	Jas. C. Batchelor, New Orleans	J. P. Horner, N. O.
Maine	35	223	3562	Horace H. Burbank, Alfred .	Ira Berry, Portland	Stephen J. Young.
Maryland	13	133	1257	James W. Bowers, Baltimore .	William A. Wentz, Baltimore	Herman J. Emmons.
Massachusetts. .	64	883	8268	Alfred F. Chapman, Boston .	Z. H. Thomas, Boston . . .	John W. Dadmun.
Michigan	92	666	6791	Alfred I. Sawyer, Monroe . .	J. Eastman Johnson, Centerville	J. E. Johnson, Centerv'e
Minnesota*	22	238	1043	James N. Castle, Stillwater .	E. D. B. Porter, St. Paul . .	E. D. B. Porter, St. Paul
Mississippi	80	182	2462	George K. Fearn, Canton . .	J. L. Power, Jackson	H. W. Walter.
Missouri	80	382	3979	Henophon Ryland, Lexington.	G. F. Gouly, St. Louis . . .	G. F. Gouley, St. Louis.

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List of Grand Chapters, Members, etc., etc.—Continued.

State.	Chapters.	Exalted.	Members	Grand High Priest.	Grand Secretary.	Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.
Nebraska*	9	67	392	R. B. Livingston, Plattsmouth.	D. H. Wheeler, Plattsmouth .	D. H. Wheeler, Platts.
New Hampshire .	22	127	1973	Edward Gustine, Keene , .	John H. Harris, Concord . .	John J. Bell.
New Jersey . . .	32	308	2583	W. H. McIlhanney, Elizabeth	Thomas J. Corson, Trenton .	T. J. Corson, Trenton.
New York	187	1795	18481	Thomas C. Cassidy, New York	Christopher G Fox, Buffalo .	D. A. Ogden.
North Carolina* .	12	16	439	H. H. Munson, Wilmington .	Thos. M. Gardner, Wilmington	J. B. Neathery, Raleigh
Nova Scotia . . .	6	40	222	Stephen R. Sircam, Halifax .	James Gossip, Halifax . . .	James Gossip, Halifax.
Ohio	131	619	7611	J. Kelly O'Neal, Lebanon . .	James Nesbit, Troy	S. M. Sullivan, Dayton.
Oregon	6	29	203	James R. Barley, Gorvallis .	R. P. Earhart, Salem	J. McF. Patton.
Pennsylvania . . .	90	987	9209	Andrew Robeno, Philadelphia	John Thomson, Philadelphia .	William J. Kelley.
Rhode Island* . .	10	177	1381	Henry C. Field, Providence .	Geo. H. Burnham, Providence	G. H. Burnham, Prov.
South Carolina . .	30	83	938	Aug. T. Smythe, Charleston .	Myer B. Moses, Sumter . . .	J. E. Burk, Charleston.
Tennessee	94	234	4168	Joseph M. Anderson, Lebanon	John Frizzell, Nashville . . .	John Frizzell, Nashv'e.
Texas	110	275	3958	Wm. K. McAlpin, Galveston .	Robert Brewster, Houston . .	R. M. Elgin, Houston.
Vermont	25	98	1842	John W. Clark, Montpelier .	W. H. S. Whitcomb, Burling'n	No report furnished.
Virginia	43	76	1559	B. M. Harris, Richmond . .	John Dove, Richmond . . .	William B. Isaacs.
West Virginia . .	14	67	451	Thomas H. Logan, Wheeling	Odell S. Long, Wheeling . .	O. S. Long, Wheeling.
Wisconsin	43	278	2633	J. H. Evans, Plattsville . . .	J. W. Woodhull, Berlin . . .	J. P. C. Cotrill, Milwau.
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Council of High Priests.

The Council of High Priests of the State of Indiana, convened in the Hall of the Grand Chapter, in the city of Indianapolis, October 20, 1874, at seven and a-half o'clock P. M.

Officers Present.

M. E. William Hacker, President.
E. John M. Bramwell, as Vice President.
Companion John Leach, Chaplain.
" Lucien A. Foote, Treasurer.
" H. G. Hazelrigg, Recorder.
" Martin H. Rice, Master of Ceremonies.
" Alexander Thomas, Conductor.
" Andrew H. Hamilton, Herald.
" William Allen, as Steward.

Members Present.

Companions Thomas J. Bailey, Orville H. Brusie, John Butt, William N. Current, Elisha E. Drumb, Christian Fetta, George H. Fish, Charles Fisher, Aaron G. Gardner, James Hall, Thomas Newby, Samuel B. Richardson.

A Council of High Priests was opened in ample form, with solemn and appropriate ceremonies.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, accompanied by a certificate of their having been elected to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, were presented by:

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Companion Lorenzo C. Miles, Logan Chapter, No. 2.
" Samuel Conklin, King Solomon's Chapter, No. 4.
" William H. Ireland, Keystone Chapter, No. 6.
" Isham Keith, Columbus Chapter, No. 10.
" Thomas B. Long, Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11.
" John Walker, Aurora Chapter, No. 13.
" Robert J. Shaw, New Albany Chapter, No. 17.
" Jos. A. Stillwagon, Ft. Wayne Chapter, No. 19.
" William H. Smythe, Greencastle Chapter, No. 22.
" Benjamin L. Smith, Rush Chapter, No. 24.
" Elmer Crocket, South Bend Chapter, No. 29.
" Samuel A. Wilson, Muncie Chapter, No. 30.
" Harvey Cauldwell, McCordsville Chapter, No. 44.
" John O. Reay, Rockport Chapter, No. 57.
" William H. Mitchell, Franklin Chapter, No. 65.
" Robert Payne, Cannelton Chapter, No. 72.

On motion of Companion Thomas, the petitions were referred to a committee consisting of Companions Alexander Thomas, Christian Fetta and Thomas Newby.

Companion William Hacker presented to the Council a book, said to contain a history of the Order of High Priesthood, and the proceedings of this Council from its organization up to, and including the proceedings of the Convocation held on the twenty-first and twenty-second of October, 1873.

Companion Thomas, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, reported favorably on the several petitions, and recommended the admission of the applicants, when a ballot was taken, which resulted in the election of the several candidates.

Companion John M. Bramwell moved to refer the book presented by Companion Hacker to a select committee, which was adopted, and Companions Lucien A. Foote, Christian Fetta and Samuel B. Richardson were appointed the committee.

Companions Harvey Cauldwell, Elmer Crocket, Thomas B. Long, Lorenzo C. Miles, Robert Payne, John O. Reay, Robert J. Shaw and Joseph A. Stillwagon were then introduced and

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consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, in solemn form.

Companion Foote, to whom the history and record book had been referred, submitted the following

REPORT:

The committee to whom was referred the history and record of the Order, presented this evening by our M. E. President, would report that on the examination they have been able to give, we believe it to be as full and complete as could be had, and that the proceedings are beautifully recorded, and offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council of High Priests be and are hereby presented to our M. E. President, William Hacker, for the same.

LUCIEN A. FOOTE,
CHRISTIAN FETTA,
S. B. RICHARDSON,
Committee.

Which was adopted.

The Council was then called from labor to recess, until to-morrow, seven and one-half o'clock P. M.

OCTOBER 21ST, 1874, 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Council was called from recess to labor.

Officers Present.

M. E. William Hacker, President.
E. Samuel B. Richardson, as Vice President.
Companion John Leach, Chaplain.
" Lucien A. Foote, Treasurer.
" H. G. Hazelrigg, Recorder.
" Martin H. Rice, Master of Ceremonies.
" Alexander Thomas, Conductor.
" Andrew H. Hamilton, Herald.
" Charles Fisher, Steward.

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Members Present.

Companions William Allen, John M. Atkinson, Thomas J. Bailey, Benjamin Darrough, Christian Fetta, George H. Fish, Casper Fogal, J L. Fugate, Aaron G. Gardner, James Hall, Joseph Hole, J. A. Johnson, Thomas Jones, E. S. McIntire, Lorenzo C. Miles, Thomas Pattison, Reuben Peden, Thomas Poe, John O. Reay, Corydon Richmond, Edward S. Ross, J. M. Ryan, Robert J. Shaw, LaGrange Severance, Joseph A. Stillwagon, Edward Walker and George W. Wilson.

On motion of Companion Reay the Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

M. E William Hacker, President.
E. Alexander Thomas, Vice President.
Companion John Leach, Chaplain.
" Lucien A. Foote, Treasurer.
" H. G. Hazelrigg, Recorder.
" Martin H. Rice, Master of Ceremonies.
" Robert J. Shaw, Conductor.
" Andrew H. Hamilton, Herald.
" Charles Fisher, Steward.

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood were presented, accompanied by a certificate of their election to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, by:

Companion Thomas A. Carnahan, Lafayette Chapter, No. 3.
" Orson Snulter, Fort Wayne Chapter, No. 19.
" William E. Murray, Randolph Chapter, No. 35.
" John T. Price, Parke Chapter, No. 37.
" Alva C. Trueblood, Salem Chapter, No. 38.
" Clarke Williams, Chester Chapter, No. 47.
" Henry G. Thayer, Plymouth Chapter, No 49.
" George W. Burke, New Castle Chapter, No. 50.
" John J. Justice, Pendleton Chapter, No. 51.
" Addison D. Williams, Anderson Chapter. No. 52.
" Washington L. Wood, Angola Chapter, No. 58.
" John L. Gallup, Kendallville Chapter, No. 64.

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Companion William E. Brown, Valparaiso Chapter, No. 79.
" Jason N. Conley, Bloomfield Chapter, No. 84.
" William Perry, Kentland Chapter, No. 89.
" Philip Rowden, Rochester Chapter, No. 90.

Which were referred to a committee consisting of Companions Martin H. Rice, LaGrange Severance and Casper Fogal.

Companion Rice, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions for the Order, reported favorably, and recommended the admission of the petitioners, when a ballot was had and the applicants elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

Companions Philip Rowden, William E. Brown, George W. Burke, Thomas A. Carnahan, Samuel Conklin, Jason N. Conley, John L. Gallup, William H. Ireland, John J. Justice, William H. Mitchell, William E. Murray, William Perry, John T. Price, Benjamin L. Smith, William H. Smythe, Henry G. Thayer, Alva C. Trueblood, John Walker, Samuel A. Wilson, Addison Williams, Clarke Williams and Washington L. Wood were introduced and consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, in solemn form.

On motion, it was ordered that after paying expenses of the Convocation, the remaining funds should be paid to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter.

The Council, after prayer by the Chaplain, was declared closed in ample form.

Receipts for the Order	$30.00	
Receipts for Diplomas	13.50	
		$43.50
Expenses	1.35	
Paid to Grand Secretary	42.15	
		$43.50

WILLIAM HACKER,
President.

H. G. HAZELRIGG,
Recorder.

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AMENDMENTS.

AMENDMENTS IN 1867.

BY-LAWS.

The following amendment to the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter was adopted: [See page 16, Proceedings 1867.]

Section 1, Article I, amended by striking out the words "first Wednesday preceding the fourth Monday of May," and inserting the "third Wednesday of October."

The above amendment fixes the time for the holding of the Annual Communications of the Grand Chapter in October, instead of May, as heretofore.

RULES.

The Rules for the government of Subordinate Chapters were amended as follows, viz:

1. Rules 68 and 69 repealed. [See Report of Committee on Jurisprudence, page 21, proceedings 1867.]

2. Rule 129 amended by striking out the word "January," and inserting the word "September."

3. Rule 132 amended by striking out the word "May," and inserting "October." [See pages 17 and 18, Proceedings 1867.]

GRAND CHAPTER DUES.

On Report of Committee on Jurisprudence, it was

Resolved, That the dues of Subordinate Chapters to this Grand Chapter shall hereafter be seventy-five cents for each member. [See page 18, Proceedings 1867.]

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AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION IN 1868.

ON PAGES 29, 30.

1. Section 11, Article VIII, by striking out the word "January," where it occurs, and inserting the word "September."

2. Section 3, Article VII, by striking out the word "May" where it occurs, and inserting the word "October."

GRAND CHAPTER DUES.

Resolved, That the annual dues shall be fifty cents for each member. [See Proceedings 1869, page 39.]

WHAT REMOVES A PENALTY.

SECTION 204. The payment of all dues for which a member may stand suspended, will restore him to the privileges of the Order as an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason.

SEC. 205. The payment of all dues for which a member may stand expelled, and a vote of a majority of members present at a stated Communication, will restore him to his standing in the Order as an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason.

SEC. 104. A vote to reinstate must also be taken by ballot; and it shall require the same vote to remove a penalty that it does to impose it *Provided*, That it shall require a unanimous vote of the Chapter, at a stated Communication, to restore to membership any one who may have been suspended or expelled for any cause whatever. [Proceedings 1869, page 40.]

GRAND SECRETARY'S SALARY.

Resolved, That Article V., Section 2, of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter be so amended that the salary of the Grand Secretary be five hundred dollars, instead of four hundred. [Unanimously adopted. See page 52, Proceedings 1869.]

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AMENDMENTS IN 1871.

BY-LAWS.

Section 1, Article I, amended so as to read as follows:

"The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be opened at 2 o'clock P. M., on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, at the Grand Lodge Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, and shall continue in session at such hours as shall be convenient, from day to day, until the business shall be fully disposed of" [Proceedings 1871, page 25.]

REDUCING GRAND CHAPTER DUES.

Resolved, That the dues of Subordinate Chapters to this Grand Chapter shall hereafter be twenty-five cents for each member not legally remitted by the Chapter; the exaltation fee of two dollars each to remain as heretofore. [See Proceedings 1871, page 34.]

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN 1874.

Resolved, That the loss of an arm or a foot renders an applicant disqualified to receive any of the degrees conferred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. [Proceedings 1874, page 24.]

Resolved, That the annual meetings of this Grand Chapter shall hereafter be termed the Annual Convocation. [Proceedings 1874, page 36.]

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GRAND OFFICERS

1874.

M. E. GEORGE H. FISH, of Evansville, Grand High Priest.
R. E. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, of Crawfordsville, Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. E. REUBEN PEDEN, of Knightstown, Grand King.
R. E. SIMEON S. JOHNSON, of Jeffersonville, Grand Scribe.
R. E. CHARLES FISHER, of Indianapolis, Grand Treasurer.
R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.
E. REV. JAMES H. HUTCHINSON, of Elkhart, Grand Chaplain.
E. MARTIN H. RICE, of Indianapolis, Grand Captain of the Hosts.
E. EDWARD S. ROSS, of Wabash, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Companion WILLIAM M. BLACK, of Indianapolis, Grand Guard.

NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Indiana, will be held in the City of Indianapolis, commencing at two o'clock P. M., on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, A. D. 1875, A. I. 2405, (October 20, 1875.)

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter

OF THE

STATE OF INDIANA,

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The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana assembled in Annual Convocation in the hall of Centre No. 23, Ancient Landmarks No. 319, and Mystic Tie No. 398, Lodges in the city of Indianapolis, at 2 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the twentieth day of October, it being "the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October," A. D. 1875, A. I. 2405.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. GEORGE H. FISH, Grand High Priest.
R. E. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. E. REUBEN PEDEN, Grand King.
R. E. SIMEON S. JOHNSON, Grand Scribe.
R. E. CHARLES FISHER, Grand Treasurer.
R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, Grand Secretary.
E. REV. JAMES H. HUTCHINSON, Grand Chaplain.
E. MARTIN H. RICE, Grand Captain of the Hosts.
E. EDWARD S. ROSS, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Comp. WILLIAM M. BLACK, Grand Guard.

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PERMANENT MEMBERS.

M. E. HARVEY G. HAZELRIGG, P. G. H. Priest.
M. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, P. G. H. Priest.

Honorary Member.

Comp. REV. JOHN LEACH.

The Representatives of seventy-eight Subordinate Chapters and a large number of visiting Companions.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in ample form, when, it appearing that a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters were duly represented, after prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the M. E. Grand High Priest declared the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana duly opened for the dispatch of business.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES,

Which was concurred in by the Grand Chapter, to-wit:

On Credentials—John M. Bramwell, Wm. E. Murray, Frank Macartney.

On Visiting Companions—F. M. Symmes, Elisha E. Drumb, Ben. L. Smith.

On Charters—Thomas B. Long, John D. Schmidlap, R. W. Harrison.

On Dispensations—Frank S. Devol, Perry W. Gard, LaGrange Severance.

On Grievances and Appeals—Wm. E. Hollingsworth, Reuben Peden, Charles Hamilton.

On Claims—A. P. Charles, William H. Ireland, Edward J. Tuttle.

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On Pay-Roll—Edward S. Ross, John Butt, R. M. Johnson.

On Jurisprudence—Harvey G. Hazelrigg, Alexander Thomas, Martin H. Rice.

On Unfinished Business—Wm. W. Hill, John T. Hays, Aaron G. Gardner.

On Foreign Correspondence—S. S. Johnson, George P. Graff, F. J. Wolfe.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then read and submitted the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

In reading over the addresses and reports from the various jurisdictions of our vast domain, one can not but notice the evidences of continued prosperity and general tendency to a more uniform system and work, and in no one jurisdiction is prosperity more apparent than in our own. In intelligence, morality and brotherly love there seems to be progress, all seeking to place themselves upon the higher plane of a moral, temperate and intelligent diffusion of Masonic light.

In my report to you of my official action the past year I shall deal with some of the stumbling blocks I have found; and whilst speaking plainly of shortcomings, do so with the earnest conviction that it is all in kindness, that truth fitly spoken can not wound, and with the assurance that the end will justify the means. There is no necessity to speak of the great improvement shown in the large majority of our Chapters,—better halls, better furniture, better and more intelligent work,—these are not the things we have met to legislate upon, and whilst I claim that as a whole we are the peer of any, I do not claim that our escutcheon is without stain.

In Memoriam.

Companion Solomon D. Bayless is not in his accustomed seat.

"He has passed the last veil."

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He was born in Ohio in 1814, made a Mason at Troy, Ohio, in 1841, Grand High Priest of our Grand Chapter, in 1864, and died at Fort Wayne, May 30, 1875.

Solomon D. Bayless was one of the few whose acquaintance I made upon my first visit to our Grand Body, and which grew into a lasting friendship. He was a friend of, and to, young men. When, in years past, the younger element thought that the old beaten path needed repair, that the increasing strength of the Order required a change of diet, or with the enthusiasm of youth proposed some change — when discomfitted by the superior knowledge and tact of the older members, we knew that we had a support in Solomon D. Bayless, a rear guard, who, always at his post when wanted, was ever ready to wage argument in behalf of us, even when opposed to our cause. I speak of him as I knew him—social, genial and kind.

His superior knowledge of the esoteric in our work brought him into close contact with the Craft, and the impress of his teachings can be readily seen in the various Masonic bodies around his home. I leave it for others better acquainted to suggest the proper memorial.

General Grand Chapter.

The General Grand Chapter held its twenty-second Convocation in the city of Nashville on November 24, 1874.

Twenty-four Grand Chapters were represented.

Indiana by your Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and Companion James Hall, proxy for Deputy Grand High Priest.

A public reception was given at the State House, and a speech of welcome by Mayor Howell. Our general reception was such as Masons delight to give, and are always willing to receive.

I have given you a careful compendium of their principal action in my report on Foreign Correspondence. I have here only to allude to the action taken in 1871, in reference to the G. O. R. A. W.

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The following places us where we had always been prior to the session at Baltimore:

"*Resolved*, That the action taken by the General Grand Chapter, in 1871, in regard to the Ritual of the Royal Arch Degree, (as printed on page 42 of the Proceedings of that year,) be, and the same is hereby rescinded, and representatives are hereby instructed to communicate this action to their Grand Chapters at their next Annual Convocation."

I felt so confident that this Grand Chapter would return to the former mode of communicating this word, that in all my visitations since the passage of the above resolution, I have instructed in the old way. I trust that this Grand Body will sustain what I have done in the premises, and by formal action rescind the resolution passed at our session in 1871.

Dispensations.

On the sixteenth day of December, 1874, I issued a dispensation to fourteen Companions to organize Liverpool Chapter, U. D., at Washington, Daviess county, appointing Charles M. Prentiss, H. P.; William Helphenstein, King; Isaac W. McCormick, Scribe. Under date of January 14, 1875, I received a report from Companion William Hacker, stating that the organization had been perfected, the Chapter had "received and acted upon seven petitions, and conferred the Mark Degree upon three. The work was well done. I left them with their records fully written up to date, and the expenses of their organization liquidated."

On the twenty-first day of January, 1875, I issued a dispensation to nine Companions at Covington, Fountain county, to organize Covington Chapter U. D., in Covington, Fountain county, and appointed Henry La Tourette, H. P.; Samuel G. Weldon, King; James G. W. Hardy, Scribe. Under date of twenty-ninth day of January I received a report from Companion William Hacker, in which he says: "We took in ten during the exercises of the organization, and closed with eight more elected. I had Companion L. A. Foote, with one of his superior workmen, to assist me in the work, and am under especial obligations to them for

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kindness shown on this occasion. They are fitted up nicely, have all the fixtures, including robes and jewels, and Covington Chapter is destined to become an honor to your administration."

Their work will undoubtedly be presented for your consideration.

Application was made to me for Dispensations for Chapters at Bluffton and at Union City. They were properly recommended, and upon due investigation I became convinced that their jurisdiction was sufficient, and their zeal such as to warrant success. I ordered them issued, but owing to the severe illness of Companion Hacker their organization has not been effected. I therefore recommend to this Grand Chapter that these two Dispensations be continued.

Visitations.

I have, in the discharge of my business duties, had the pleasure of meeting with ten of our Chapters. Most of them work well. I shall only speak of what seems to me to require your attention.

December 29th I took eight Companions, well skilled in the work, and visited Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 73. We conferred the Degrees in full on six candidates, authorized an election of officers, and installed them; left them on the high road to prosperity, and I think they will not again suffer themselves to "be found wanting."

At one Chapter which I visited, I was absolutely struck dumb. Feeling fatigued, I declined the chair, preferring to be a "looker-on in Vienna." Upon the first introduction of the candidates, I was struck with the peculiarity of their proceeding, and resolved to wait and see what folly reasonable thinking men could be guilty of. Twice I started from my chair in indignation to stop the farce, but restrained myself and saw it through to the bitter end. How the beautiful lessons sought to be inculcated in this Degree, could ever make a favorable impression

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upon these "three *weary* sojourners," is beyond my ken. I left them happy in the thought that they had excelled themselves before one of their Grand Officers. I trust that this public statement will cause them to think and put into practice a modicum of their common sense and intelligence, of which they have plenty.

Another Chapter (————) I found had passed a resolution wiping out all indebtedness to their Chapter by its members, at one fell swoop. Among this indebtedness were the notes and promises to pay of some of their Companions for the Degrees conferred upon them. I objected to it, and ordered them to change it. They claimed to have a right to control their finance in their own way. To which I assented, but told them that, as it now stood, it was an injustice to the other Companions that the Grand Chapter would not allow. A Companion (amply able to pay) said to me, "I will pay my note when others do." I asked him what the note was for. He immediately answered, "For my Degrees." The Constitution plainly says, "that the Degrees shall not be conferred upon any one for a less sum than twenty dollars." I asked the High Priest to let me hear from him before the meeting of the Grand Chapter, in hope that this evil would be corrected. I have heard nothing; and now recommend that the Chapter be required to collect such amounts as are due them for Degrees conferred. That on failure to collect, charges shall be preferred against said delinquents, and on failure to collect or expel, their charter be arrested. STRONG TONIC; but, Companions, a constitution so shattered and weakened needs it. This milk and water diet, the "let alone" policy, is an injury to the best interests of the Craft. Help, aid and assist, by counsel, precept and example, when it is needed and appreciated; but also remember that a "counter irritant" is often absolutely necessary to restore healthy action.

Charters Arrested.

In accordance with the resolution passed at your last Convocation (page 38 Proceedings 1874), I appointed Companion William

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Hacker my special deputy to arrest the charter of Jay Chapter, No. 67, and take charge of its property. Under date of March 9th I have his report as follows:

"I have at length found the opportunity of visiting Portland, and attending to the matter of Jay Chapter. I obtained the Charter, Record Book and Ledger, and have sent them to the Grand Secretary.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

Wardrobe	$15 00
One Set of Officers' Robes	50 00
One Set of Specimens of Work	3 00
Ark, Vessels, Working Tools, etc	7 00
Total	$75 00

I appointed John N. Wall, of Portland, to take charge of the property and hold it for the Chapter. They are badly in debt—could not learn how much; but upon an examination of their Ledger, find that some of them stand charged with their admission fee, and five and six years' dues, and nothing paid."

It seems to me that Masonry is quite cheap in certain portions of our jurisdiction, and it furnishes a strong argument in favor of a rigid inspection. Something ought to be done. Masonic bodies should not be allowed to die in this suicidal manner—debts due the community, who have no recourse, and the members allowed to remain in good standing as unaffiliates. Collect from them what they honestly owe—sufficient, at least, to satisfy all claims against them, or failing to do this, prefer charges against them in the Chapter in whose jurisdiction they reside. I trust you will not let these breaches of Masonic trust quietly go unheeded.

Clarksburg Chapter, No. 60.

Information was furnished me that Clarksburg Chapter, No. 60, was traveling in that broad way which leadeth to destruction. Upon due and careful investigation I was convinced that they had held a meeting prior to the regular night, held an election, the officers elect taking their seats at once, without installa-

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tion, and falsified their record to conceal the fact; had invited a Companion from Ohio to lecture them in the work, and conferred several degrees, with their new officers, before the night of their regular meeting for election. The papers in connection with this matter are herewith submitted.

With these facts proven to my entire satisfaction, I appointed Companion J. L. Wodden, of Greensburgh, my special deputy, with positive instructions to arrest their charter, and take charge of their property. Under date of September 16th, he reports having performed this duty, and delivered to the Grand Secretary their charter, books and $31.10 in money.

Centreville Chapter, No. 86.

Under date of April 26th, I received the following:

"DEAR SIR: Centreville Chapter, on the evening of the 22d inst., met and surrendered her charter. Be kind enough to inform me what amount is owing the Grand Chapter as dues up to this date. * * *

Yours truly,

ELIHU M. PARKER, Secretary."

This was in consequence of the removal of their county seat, and subsequent removal of many of their members, thus rendering it difficult and inexpedient to continue as an organization. I will say, for the information of the Craft, that they are but a few miles from a live Chapter.

I authorized Comp. W. W. Austin, of Richmond, to receive their charter, books, etc. He reports, under date of August 25th, having obtained the charter and delivered the same to the Grand Secretary.

Peru Chapter, No. 62.

I appointed Samuel B. Richardson my Special Deputy to visit this Chapter. I instructed him to use proper discretion and use his best judgment as to the course to pursue, giving him at the same time positive instruction to collect the amount due this Grand Chapter or arrest their charter. I am happy to state that

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my instructions were most faithfully followed. He reports that their Chapter suffers from difficulty in obtaining quorum—that they are good and earnest Masons—abundantly able to meet all liabilities; and after collecting the amount due the Grand Chapter, promised to assist them in the building up of their Chapter, and reports plenty of material fit for the builder's use.

This is a most satisfactory result, and I am fully satisfied that their future will be one of usefulness, a pillar of strength to this Grand Body, and a credit to the Craft.

Grand Representatives Appointed.

I have commissioned the following Grand Representatives:

Companion John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, near the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Companion James E. Carter, of Jefferson City, as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, near the Grand Chapter of Missouri; our former Representative, Companion John F. Houston, being reported as deceased.

Companion Reuben J. Laughlin, of Nebo, as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, near the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

Companion Augustine T. Smythe, of Charleston, as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, near the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

I received a letter from a worthy Companion in our jurisdiction asking me to appoint a Companion named, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter in another State. I did not issue the commission, for the simple reason that I think these appointments should come through the Grand Officers, or at least have their approval—they being in a position to learn and judge as to the acceptability of the appointee to the Craft. I entertain so high an opinion of the Companion making the request, that I wrote to the Grand High Priest of that State, asking for his approval.

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Decisions.

I have made the full quota of decisions, "as all others have done who have gone this way before," which a slight knowledge of the Constitution by the applicant would have rendered unnecessary. Permits to change place of meeting, dispensation for special election, both full and partial, appointed officers to fill vacancies occasioned by resignation, death, and other minor duties clearly within the prerogatives of my office.

The following I desire should have your consideration:

1st. Can we change time of meeting from the first Monday to the first Thursday of each month, without action by the Grand Chapter?

Ans. Yes.

2d. A candidate presents himself to receive the Degree. A Companion protests verbally and privately to the High Priest against the Degree being conferred. Should such protest be regarded, or should the Companion be required to make his protest in writing?

Ans. Either verbally or in writing. Verbal protest (objection is the better word) must be made, however, in the hall and at the time of meeting. Protest to have the same effect as a negative ballot.

3d. Has a Past High Priest a right to open a Past Master's Lodge, and confer that Degree upon a W. M. elect, without informing the H. P., K. or S. of the Chapter, when they are all in the same city?

Ans. A convocation of Past Masters can be called for the purpose named, by any *actual* Past Master, and at any time subsequent to the election of the Master, and prior to the installation. It is a body responsible to no one, and the Chapter has no cognizance of its doings, or any control over its proceedings. It is not necessary or proper to notify Chapter officers or members. Three actual Past Masters can open a convocation for that purpose, and perform its ceremonies. Courtesy might

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suggest the propriety of notifying the actual Past Masters, but it is not obligatory. Companion Drummond, of Maine, our Past General Grand High Priest, puts it in a convenient form. Consider the "actual and virtual" as two persons of the same name.

4th. The High Priest and King being absent, the Scribe congregates the Chapter, and places the Secretary, (who is a Past High Priest,) in the chair. He opens the Chapter in due form. He then places a Past High Priest, (who is not a member of this Chapter,) in the chair to preside, the Secretary resuming his duties as Secretary. The Treasurer of the Chapter tenders his resignation, which is accepted by a vote of the Chapter. The Chair appoints a successor to the office of Treasurer, over the objection of a member of the Chapter to his right to exercise that authority.

Is the appointment valid?

Ans. The appointment is *not* valid.

Section 44. Rules for Government of Subordinate Chapters. "In the absence of the High Priest, the King, or Scribe, occupying the chair, may, after congregating the Chapter, waive his *right to preside* in favor of any competent Companion present."

Section 46. "When a Chapter shall have been regularly congregated by the proper officer present, and then placed under the charge of a competent Companion, should either, or all, of the above named officers be called away, the work and business of the Chapter may still proceed legally, as though any one, or all, the governing officers were present and officiating."

These sections authorize all that was done, except the appointment.

Section 46. "The work and business of the Chapter" was all right and legal.

Section 44. "May, etc., waive his right to preside." He becomes merely the *presiding officer*, who controls and legalizes the action of the body, but does not possess any of the *prerogatives* that belong to the members of the Council by reason of their election and installation.

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It is his *privilege* to preside. The *prerogative* to appoint does not attach.

Companions, I have spoken plainly. Your suffrages gave me this position, and when I accepted it, I fully made up my mind that some things should not be quietly passed by—malpractices, known to exist, should have prompt treatment. We have scores of Chapters in our State, that are an honor to us and to the Royal Craft. Bright, active, intelligent, moral, Masons in all their manhood, and it is in justice to these that the few should be made to know that there are lessons taught, and principles involved in the working of our degrees and maintenance of our organizations.

Hear what Companion Wiggin, of California, has to say, apropos to this subject, although not directly bearing upon it:

"There is a certain class in every community, Masonic or otherwise, who can only be brought to a realizing sense of their duty to their fellow men by a strict administration of law and a wholesome dread of its penalties. We sometimes hear Masons complain that the Order is degenerating into an institution of dollars and cents; dollars and cents indeed! What but dollars and cents clothes the naked and feeds the hungry? What but dollars and cents furnishes the destitute widow and helpless orphan with home and shelter and the comforts of life? Those who complain that Masonry is an institution of dollars and cents, in nine cases out of ten, are those who do not pay their dues, or, if they do, pay them grudgingly and tardily; and it is this class of Masons that law is intended to reach."

Companions, organize a system of visitation and inspection. If necessary, pay the expenses of your Grand Officers, for this special work, from our exchequer. Assure the Companion you select to fill my place, that you will approve all needed discipline, and rest assured that in two years you will have all Chapters with returns promptly made, dues paid, and Representatives here happy in the consciousness of their well doing.

GEORGE H. FISH,
Grand High Priest.

ANNUAL ADDRESS REFERRED.

And thereupon P. G. H. P. Alexander Thomas submitted the following:

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Resolved, That so much of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address as relates to the death of P. M. E. Grand High Priest Solomon D. Bayless be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the action of the General Grand Chapter, on the G. O. R. A. W. be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Resolved, That so much as relates to dispensations be referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

Resolved, That so much as relates to charters surrendered and to charters arrested, be referred to the Committee on Charters.

Resolved, That so much as relates to decisions on Masonic law be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Resolved, That so much as relates to visitations and inspection be referred to a select committee.

Which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 20, 1875.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana:

The Committee on Credentials submit the following report, showing the names of duly authorized Representatives of subordinate Chapters in the present Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to-wit:

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
1	Madison, ...	John D. Schmidlap, proxy.
2	Logan, ...	R. R. Carson.
3	LaFayette, ...	Andrew Robertson.
4	King Solomon's, ...	Samuel Conklin.
5	Indianapolis, ...	Roger Parry.
6	Keystone, ...	William H. Ireland.

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
7	Vincennes, ...	
8	Greensburgh, ...	Frank M. Weadon.
9	Cambridge, ...	
10	Columbus, ...	Charles Hamilton.
11	Terre Haute, ...	Thomas B. Long.
12	Evansville, ...	W. E. Hollingsworth.
13	Aurora, ...	John Walker.
14	Noblesville, ...	N. D. Levinson.
15	LaPorte, ...	George C. Dorland, proxy.
16	Brookville, ...	Thomas I. Tyner, proxy.
17	New Albany, ...	Frank S. Devol.
18	Maxwell, ...	
19	Fort Wayne, ...	J. A. Stellwagon.
20	Shelby, ...	George W. F. Kirk, proxy.
21	Delphi, ...	Edward Walker.
22	Green Castle, ...	William H. Smythe.
23	Mitchell, ...	F. J. Wolfe.
24	Rush, ...	Thomas Poe, proxy.
25	Michigan City, ...	W. R. Godfrey.
26	Wabash, ...	Edward S. Ross.
27	Huntington, ...	LaGrange Severance, proxy.
29	South Bend, ...	John M. Strayer.
30	Muncie, ...	Samuel A. Wilson.
31	Kokomo, ...	
32	Milan, ...	Alexander Connelly.

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
33	Knightstown, ...	George P. Graff.
34	Hacker, ...	V. V. Williams.
35	Randolph, ...	William E. Murray.
36	LaGrange, ...	David VanKirk.
37	Parke, ...	Samuel R. Jackman.
38	Salem, ...	A. C. Trueblood.
39	Lebanon, ...	Robert W. Harrison, proxy.
40	Crawfordsville, ...	F. M. Symmes, proxy.
41	Liberty, ...	Aaron G. Gardner.
42	Noble County, ...	Jacob C. Zimmerman, pr'xy.
43	Dunkirk, ...	William G. Sutton, proxy.
44	McCordsville, ...	Harvey Cauldwell.
45	Goshen, ...	R. M. Johnson, proxy.
46	Danville, ...	William H. Cash, proxy.
47	Chester, ...	Clark Williams.
48	Warsaw, ...	Adam Rainer, proxy.
49	Plymouth, ...	William W. Hill.
50	New Castle, ...	Cyrus P. Pence.
51	Pendleton, ...	B. F. Aiman.
52	Anderson, ...	Nineveh Berry.
53	Lincoln, ...	Z. P. Farley.
54	Columbia City, ...	William M. Appleton, pr'xy.
55	Marion, ...	Daniel Mowrer, proxy.
56	Lawrenceburgh, ...	John C. Hibberts.
57	Rockport, ...	L. S. Gilkey, proxy.

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
58	Angola, ...	Washington L. Wood.
59	Brazil, ...	
61	Gosport, ...	Thomas C. Bailey.
62	Peru, ...	
63	William Hacker, ...	John Butt.
64	Kendallville, ...	John Graham.
65	Franklin, ...	
66	Horeb, ...	Edward J. Tuttle.
68	Vernon, ...	Joseph Hole.
69	Beharrell, ...	
70	Bloomington, ...	J. A. Holtzman, proxy.
71	Oceola, ...	Benjamin Hayward.
72	Cannelton, ...	E. E. Drumb.
73	Mt. Vernon, ...	Simeon H. Pearse.
74	Westfield, ...	
75	Princeton, ...	John M. Ryan.
76	Warrick, ...	A. J. Alton.
77	Spencer, ...	Inman H. Fowler.
78	Plainfield, ...	Isaac A. Johnson.
79	Valparaiso, ...	W. E. Brown.
80	Loogootee, ...	George W. Shirey.
81	Jerusalem, ...	John T. Hays, proxy.
82	Clinton, ...	Perry W. Gard.
83	Mishawaka, ...	H. G. Beamer, proxy.
84	Bloomfield, ...	A. G. Cavins.

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
85	Seymour, ...	Albert P. Charles.
87	Hartford City, ...	
88	Leavenworth, ...	
89	Kentland, ...	William Perry.
90	Rochester, ...	E. R. Herman.
91	Elkhart, ...	James H. Hutchinson.
U. D.	Liverpool, ...	C. M. Prentiss.
U. D.	Covington, ...	Reuben D. Fish.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BRAMWELL,
WILLIAM E. MURRAY,
FRANK MACARTNEY,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS OF GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary each submitted their annual reports, which were read, and referred to the Committee on Claims, to-wit:

Grand Treasurer's Report.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana:

Your Treasurer submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Chapter for the year ending October 19, 1875:

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RECEIPTS.

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer October 21, 1874	$3,412 58
October 24, 1874—Received of John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary Grand Chapter Revenue	465 65
January 13, 1875—Received of John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary Grand Chapter Revenue	300 00
September 3, 1875—Received of John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary Grand Chapter Revenue	307 15
" 21, 1875—Received of John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary Grand Chapter Revenue	426 50
October 2, 1875—Received of John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary Grand Chapter Revenue	784 00
" 16, 1875—Received of John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary Grand Chapter Revenue	573 35
Total receipts, including balance	$6,269 23

EXPENDITURES.

During the same period I have paid warrants from No. 1 to 16, inclusive, drawn by the Grand Secretary, and for the purposes named:

On account of Printing	$366 75
On account of Grand Chapter Appropriations	216 00
On account of Blank Books and Stationery	2 50
On account of Postage	69 90
On account of Pay-Roll for 1874	1,366 90
On account of Incidental Expenses	13 45
On account of Grand Secretary's Salary	500 00
On account of Grand Treasurer's Commission on $2,856.15	57 12
Total expenses during the year ending October 19, 1875	2,592 62
Balance in Treasury October 19, 1875	3,676 61
	$6,269 23

The foregoing report, together with the vouchers, books and papers, is most respectfully submitted.

CHARLES FISHER,
Grand Treasurer.

October 20, 1875.

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Grand Secretary's Report.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 20, 1875.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana:

The Grand Secretary submits the following annual report of receipts and disbursements for the year ending this date, to-wit:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Grand Treasury October 20, 1874		$3,412 58
On account of Dispensations	$180 00	
On account of Interest on Surplus Revenue	250 00	
On account of Grand Chapter Dues for 1874	572 90	
On account of Grand Chapter Dues for 1875	1,780 50	
On account of Incidental Receipts (G. H. Priests,)	42 15	
From late Clarksburg Chapter, No. 60	31 10	2,856 65
Total receipts		$6,269 23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Grand Chapter Appropriations	$216 00	
Printing	366 75	
Pay-Roll for 1874	1,366 90	
Postage	69 90	
Blank Books and Stationery	2 50	
Grand Secretary's Salary	500 90	
Incidental Expenses	13 45	
Grand Treasurer's Percentage	57 12	2,592 62
Balance in Grand Treasury		$3,676 61
To which add Surplus Revenue loaned		5,500 00
Total funds		$9,176 61

There is on file the receipt of William C. Wilson, Esq., of LaFayette, for the note of Comp. John M. Keeper, for collection, dated June 1, 1870, at 90 days, for $33.00, the receipt dated July 31, 1875, as ordered by the Grand Chapter October 20, 1874.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BRAMWELL,
Grand Secretary.

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SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Select Committees, called for in the resolutions referring his annual address, to-wit:

On Deceased Companions—Companions Alexander Thomas, Harvey G. Hazelrigg, Martin H. Rice.

On Visitation and Inspection—Companions William Roach, Andrew Robertson, Benjamin F. Aiman.

Which was concurred in.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

On motion of Companion Elisha E. Drumb, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter proceed at once to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

And thereupon the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Charles H. Butterfield and Elisha E. Drumb, tellers, who, after receiving and counting the ballots, announced the following Companions as having received a majority of all the votes cast, who were severally declared duly elected, to-wit:

M. E. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, of Crawfordsville, Grand High Priest.

R. E. REUBEN PEDEN, of Knightstown, Deputy Grand High Priest.

R. E. SIMEON S. JOHNSON, of Jeffersonville, Grand King.

R. E. MARTIN H. RICE, of Indianapolis, Grand Scribe.

R. E. CHARLES FISHER, of Indianapolis, Grand Treasurer.

R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

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APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, for the Grand High Priest elect, announced the following appointments, to-wit:

E. Rev. FRANCIS M. SYMMES, of Crawfordsville, Grand Chaplain.

E. THOMAS B. LONG, of Terre Haute, Grand Captain of the Hosts.

E. WILLIAM ROACH, of Anderson, Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Companion WILLIAM M. BLACK, of Indianapolis, Grand Guard.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ACKNOWLEDGED.

P. G. H. Priest, Alexander Thomas, submitted his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, and also as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Indiana.

M. E. G. H. Priest, George H. Fish, submitted his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapters of South Carolina and Kansas, near Indiana.

And thereupon, on motion of Companion Foote, it was

Resolved, That the distinguished Companions be, and are hereby fraternally acknowledged and invited to seats in this Grand Chapter as such Grand Representatives.

And then, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow at nine o'clock A. M.

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THURSDAY, October 21, 9 o'clock A. M.

After prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. The same Grand Officers, members and Representatives present as on yesterday.

The journal of proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

Companion Thomas B. Long submitted the following:

Your Committee on Charters, to whom was referred that part of the Grand High Priest's address, relating to the arrest and surrender of charters, submit the following report:

Jay Chapter, No. 67.

The action of the Grand High Priest, in arresting the charter of Jay Chapter, No. 67, being in obedience to an express order of this Grand Body, was right, and needs no further approval.

Clarksburg Chapter, No. 60.

The papers submitted by the Grand High Priest, in the matter of the arrest of the charter of Clarksburg Chapter, No. 60, have been examined by your committee, who are of opinion that the action taken in the premises was right and proper; and should no steps be taken by said Chapter during this Grand Convocation, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the charter of Clarksburg Chapter, No. 60, be declared forfeited.

Centreville Chapter, No. 86.

In relation to the surrender of the charter of Centreville Chapter, No. 86, your committee offer the following:

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Resolved, That the surrender of the charter of Centreville Chapter, No. 86, be received as tendered, and that the same be declared cancelled.

By-Laws—Delphi Chapter, No. 21.

A new code of by-laws for Delphi Chapter, No. 21, has been submitted to the examination of your committee, who find them to be in accordance with the laws of this Grand Body. They, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the by-laws of Delphi Chapter, No. 21, be approved.

By-Laws—New Albany Chapter, No. 17.

The by-laws of New Albany Chapter, No. 17, have been examined, and are found to be consistent with the Grand Chapter laws, excepting in the use of the word *communication* instead of *convocation*. They, therefore, suggest the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the word "convocation" be substituted for "communication," in the by-laws of New Albany Chapter, No. 17, and, with that change, said by-laws be approved.

THOMAS B. LONG,
JOHN D. SCHMIDLAP,
R. W. HARRISON,
Committee.

Which were severally concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Companion P. W. Gard submitted the following:

Washington Chapter, No. 92.

Your Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the records and by-laws of Liverpool Chapter, U. D., at Washington, report that they have examined the same, and find the records neatly kept, but showing some irregularities on the part

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of the Companions, which have been noticed by the committee on the margin of the record; and believing that this will be sufficient to cause the Companions to be more careful in the future, they offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a charter be granted the Companions at Washington, in Daviess county, by the name of Washington Chapter, No. 92; and that Companion William T. Fry be appointed High Priest, Companion Burrell T. Meredith, King, and Companion Alexander H. Doherty, Scribe.

Companion Frank S. Devol submitted the following:

Covington Chapter, No. 93.

Your Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the records and by-laws of Covington Chapter, U. D., respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find the records neatly and correctly kept, and the by-laws in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Chapter; and therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a charter be granted the Companions at Covington, in Fountain county, to be called Covington Chapter, No. 93; and that Companion Reuben D. Fish be appointed High Priest, Companion James G. W. Hardy, King, and Companion Edward H. Robinson, Scribe.

Companion LaGrange Severance submitted the following:

Bluffton and Union City Chapters, U. D.

Your Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred so much of the Grand High Priest's address as relates to his order to issue dispensations to organize Royal Arch Chapters at Bluffton, in Wells county, and Union City, in Randolph county, have duly considered the same, and recommend that his said order be continued in force, and that on payment to him of the requisite fee, the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to issue the said dispensations.

FRANK S. DEVOL,
P. W. GARD,
LAGRANGE SEVERANCE,
Committee.

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Which were severally concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Companion William E. Hollingsworth submitted the following:

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals are happy to report that we have nothing in our line to investigate.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. HOLLINGSWORTH,
REUBEN PEDEN,
CHARLES HAMILTON,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Companion Albert P. Charles submitted the following:

Your Committee on Claims recommend that there be allowed to M. E. George H. Fish, Grand High Priest, for time employed and expenses incurred in discharge of his official duties, and for services rendered in compiling and preparing the Report on Foreign Correspondence, the sum of one hundred ($100.00) dollars.

Also, the further sum of thirty ($30.00) dollars, for expenses incurred as Representative to the General Grand Chapter, making the amount of one hundred and thirty ($130.00) dollars.

To Right Excellent Reuben Peden, for expenses incurred as Representative to the General Grand Chapter, the sum of forty-five ($45.00) dollars.

To Right Excellent Simeon S. Johnson, for expenses incurred as Representative to the General Grand Chapter, the sum of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars.

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To Companion James Hall, the sum of forty-five ($45.00) dollars, for expenses incurred as Representative to the General Grand Chapter.

To Companion J. L. Wooden, for services rendered and expenses incurred in arresting the charter of Clarksburg Chapter, No. 60, the sum of ten ($10.00) dollars.

To Past Grand High Priest William Hacker, for services rendered and expenses incurred in arresting the charter of Jay Chapter, No. 67, the sum of twenty-five dollars and twenty-five cents ($25.25), as per itemized bill on file.

To Companion William M. Black, for services rendered as Grand Guard during the present Convocation, the sum of twenty ($20.00) dollars.

Also the further sum of six ($6.00) dollars for washing aprons, making a total of twenty-six ($26.00) dollars.

Your committee further report, that they have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them correct and accompanied by the proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. CHARLES,
WM. H. IRELAND,
EDWARD J. TUTTLE,
Committee.

Which was concurred in, and the several allowances ordered to be paid.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

P. G. H. Priest H. G. Hazelrigg, submitted the following:

The Committee on Jurisprudence have had under consideration the several decisions made by the Grand High Priest, and as they are in accordance with our rules and regulations, we recommend their approval.

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As to the Esoteric Ritual, as stated by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the General Grand Chapter having settled that question in accordance with the practice in this jurisdiction previous to the action of the General Grand Chapter in 1871, no further action is necessary on the part of this Grand Chapter.

H. G. HAZELRIGG,
MARTIN H. RICE,
ALEXANDER THOMAS,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion S. S. Johnson submitted the following:

Your committee highly commend the concise and complete report of the Grand High Priest on Foreign Correspondence, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the report on Foreign Correspondence, submitted by M. E. George H. Fish, Grand High Priest, be published as an appendix to the proceedings of the present Grand Convocation.

S. S. JOHNSON,
GEORGE P. GRAFF,
F. J. WOLFE,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Companion William W. Hill submitted the following:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that they find no business requiring their attention.

W. W. HILL,
JOHN T. HAYS,
A. G. GARDNER,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

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REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON VISITATION AND INSPECTION.

Companion William Roach submitted the following:

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address as relates to a system of visitation and inspection, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that something of the kind is necessary, and would add much to the health and prosperity of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, and therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, be, and are hereby constituted a Committee of Visitation and Inspection; and that said committee be paid from the funds of this Grand Chapter, the sum of three dollars per day while actually employed, and five cents per mile for all necessary travel.

WILLIAM ROACH,
ANDREW ROBERTSON,
BENJAMIN F. AIMAN,
Committee.

Which was concurred in, and the accompanying resolution adopted.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON DECEASED COMPANIONS.

P. G. H. Priest Alexander Thomas submitted the following:

P. G. H. Priest Solomon D. Bayless.

WHEREAS, We have learned, with sorrow and regret, of the death of Past M. E. G. High Priest, Solomon D. Bayless, who departed this life since we last met in Grand Convocation; it will be of little use for this committee to make any lengthy report in relation to Companion Bayless, as he had been so long and so favorably known to the Masons in this jurisdiction, that any eulogium from us would be of little avail, further than to offer the following:

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Resolved, That in order to more effectually perpetuate a remembrance of this distinguished Companion, a memorial page be set apart in our published proceedings to the memory of our Past M. E. G. H. Priest, Solomon D. Bayless; and that a copy of these proceedings be furnished to the family by our Grand Secretary.

Companions John B. Rose and Nicholas D. Grover.

In relation to our late Companion, John B. Rose, who died at Wabash on the 9th of May last; and Companion Nicholas D. Grover, who died at Logansport on the 17th day of June last, we submit the same remark as in the case of P. G. H. Priest Bayless, with this addition: that they were the last survivors of the original members that organized the Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of the State of Indiana, in 1818, and were both constituted life members of this Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation in 1868. To perpetuate their memory we submit the following:

Resolved, That memorial pages be inscribed to the memory of our late Companions, John B. Rose and Nicholas D. Grover; and that a copy of the printed proceedings of this Grand Convocation be forwarded to each of their families.

ALEX. THOMAS,
H. G. HAZELRIGG,
M. H. RICE,
Committee.

Which were severally concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL.

Companion Edward S. Ross submitted the following, which was adopted:

The Committee on Pay-Roll submits the following allowances of mileage and per diem to members of the Grand Chapter at the present Annual Convocation, and recommend that a warrant be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the aggregate amount thereof, to-wit:

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PAY-ROLL OF THE GRAND CHAPTER FOR 1875.

GRAND OFFICERS.	RESIDENCE.	Miles.	Mileage.	Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
Grand High Priest	Evansville	182	$18 20	2	$6 00	$24 20	George H. Fish.
Deputy Grand High Priest	Crawfordsville	44	4 40	2	6 00	10 40	L. A. Foote.
Grand King	Knightstown	35	3 50	2	6 00	9 50	R. Peden.
Grand Scribe	Jeffersonville	108	10 80	2	6 00	16 80	S. S. Johnson.
Grand Treasurer	Indianapolis			2	6 00	6 00	Charles Fisher.
Grand Secretary	Indianapolis.			2	6 00	6 00	John M. Bramwell.
Grand Chaplain		154	15 40	2	6 00	21 40	Paid as Representative.
Grand Captain of the Hosts				2	6 00	6 00	
Grand Royal Arch Captain							Paid as Representative.
Grand Guard	Indianapolis			2	6 00	6 00	William M. Black.
PERMANENT MEMBERS.							
H. G. Hazelrigg, P. G. H. P	Lebanon	33	3 30	2	6 00	9 30	H. G. Hazelrigg.
Alexander Thomas, P. G. H. P	Terre Haute	73	7 30	2	6 00	13 30	Alexander Thomas.
HONORARY MEMBER.							
John Leach	New Carlisle	162	16 20	2	6 00	22 20	John Leach.

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PAY-ROLL OF THE GRAND CHAPTER FOR 1875.—CONTINUED.

NO.	CHAPTER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	Miles.	Mileage.	Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
1	Madison	Madison	Jefferson			2	$6 00	$6 00	John D. Schmidlap.
2	Logan	Logansport	Cass	78	$7 80	2	6 00	13 80	R. R. Carson.
3	LaFayette	LaFayette	Tippecanoe	64	6 40	2	6 00	12 40	Andrew Robertson.
4	King Solomon's	Richmond	Wayne	68	6 80	2	6 00	12 80	S. Conklin.
5	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Marion			2	6 00	6 00	Roger Parry.
6	Keystone	Indianapolis	Marion			2	6 00	6 00	Wm. H. Ireland.
7	Vincennes	Vincennes	Knox						
8	Greensburgh	Greensburgh	Decatur	48	4 80	2	6 00	10 80	F. M. Weadon.
9	Cambridge	Cambridge City	Wayne						
10	Columbus	Columbus	Bartholomew	41	4 10	2	6 00	10 10	Chas. Hamilton.
11	Terre Haute	Terre Haute	Vigo	73	7 30	2	6 00	13 30	Thomas B. Long.
12	Evansville	Evansville	Vanderburgh	182	18 20	2	6 00	24 20	W. E. Hollingsworth.
13	Aurora	Aurora	Dearborn	107	10 70	2	6 00	16 70	John Walker.
14	Noblesville	Noblesville	Hamilton	22	2 20	1	3 00	5 20	N. D. Levinson.
15	LaPorte	LaPorte	LaPorte	148	14 80	2	6 00	20 80	Geo. C. Dorland.
16	Brookville	Brookville	Franklin	90	9 00	2	6 00	15 00	Thomas I. Tyner.
17	New Albany	New Albany	Floyd	114	11 40	2	6 00	17 40	Frank S. Devol.
18	Maxwell	Connersville	Fayette						
19	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	Allen	120	12 00	2	6 00	18 00	J. A. Stellwagon.
20	Shelby	Shelbyville	Shelby	26	2 60	2	6 00	8 60	George W. F. Kirk.
21	Delphi	Delphi	Carroll	82	8 20	2	6 00	14 20	E. Walker.
22	Green Castle	GreenCastle	Putnam	40	4 00	2	6 00	10 00	W. H. Smythe.
23	Mitchell	Mitchell	Lawrence	110	11 00	2	6 00	17 00	F. J. Wolfe.
24	Rush	Rushville	Rush	*36	3 60	2	6 00	9 60	Thomas Poe.

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25	Michigan City	Michigan City	LaPorte	156	15 60	2	6 00	21 60	W. R. Godfrey.
26	Wabash	Wabash	Wabash	90	9 00	2	6 00	15 00	E. S. Ross.
27	Huntington	Huntington	Huntington	108	10 80	2	6 00	16 80	LaGrange Severance.
29	South Bend	South Bend	St. Joseph	176	17 60	2	6 00	23 60	J. M. Strayer.
30	Muncie	Muncie	Delaware	54	5 40	1	3 00	8 40	S. A. Wilson.
31	Kokomo	Kokomo	Howard						
32	Milan	Milan	Ripley	100	10 00	2	6 00	16 00	A. Connelley.
33	Knightstown	Knightstown	Henry	35	3 50	2	6 00	9 50	George P. Graff.
34	Hacker	Bedford	Lawrence	110	11 00	2	6 00	17 00	V. V. Williams.
35	Randolph	Winchester	Randolph	75	7 50	2	6 00	13 50	W. E. Murray.
36	LaGrange	La Grange	LaGrange	168	16 80	2	6 00	22 80	David VanKirk.
37	Parke	Rockville	Parke	72	7 20	2	6 00	13 20	Samuel R. Jackman.
38	Salem	Salem	Washington	140	14 00	2	6 00	20 00	A. C. Trueblood.
39	Boone	Lebanon	Boone	28	2 80	2	6 00	8 80	Robert W. Harrison.
40	Crawfordsville	Crawfordsville	Montgomery	44	4 40	2	6 00	10 40	F. M. Symmes.
41	Liberty	Liberty	Union	75	7 50	2	6 00	13 50	Aaron G. Gardner.
42	Noble County	Ligonier	Noble	175	17 50	2	6 00	23 50	J. C. Zimmerman.
43	Dunkirk	Dunkirk	Jay	108	10 80	2	6 00	16 80	W. G. Sutton.
44	McCordsville	McCordsville	Hancock	14	1 40	2	6 00	7 40	H. Cauldwell.
45	Goshen	Goshen	Elkhart	145	14 50	2	6 00	20 50	R. M. Johnson.
46	Danville	Danville	Hendricks	25	2 50	2	6 00	8 50	W. H. Cash.
47	Chester	North Manchester	Wabash	102	10 20	2	6 00	16 20	C. Williams.
48	Warsaw	Warsaw	Kosciusko	120	12 00	2	6 00	18 00	Adam Rainer.
49	Plymouth	Plymouth	Marshall	118	11 80	2	6 00	17 80	W. W. Hill.
50	New Castle	NewCastle	Henry	50	5 00	2	6 00	11 00	Cyrus P. Pence.
51	Pendletou	Pendleton	Madison	28	2 80	2	6 00	8 80	B. F. Aiman.
52	Anderson	Anderson	Madison	40	4 00	2	6 00	10 00	N. Berry.
53	Lincoln	Crown Point	Lake	153	15 30	2	6 00	21 30	Z. P. Farley.
54	Columbia City	Columbia City	Whitley	125	12 50	2	6 00	18 50	W. M. Appleton.
55	Marion	Marion	Grant			2	6 00	6 00	D. Mowrer.
56	Lawrenceburgh	Lawrenceburgh	Dearborn	90	9 00	2	6 00	15 00	John C. Hibberts.
57	Rockport	Rockport	Spencer	232	23 20	2	6 00	29 20	L. S. Gilkey.
58	Angola	Angola	Steuben	170	17 00	2	6 00	23 00	W. L. Wood.

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NO.	CHAPTER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	Miles.	Mileage.	Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.
59	Brazil	Brazil	Clay						
61	Gosport	Gosport	Owen	65	$6 50	2	$6 00	$12 50	T. C. Bailey.
62	Peru	Peru	Miami						
63	William Hacker	Waterloo	DeKalb	154	15 40	2	6 00	21 40	John Butt.
64	Kendallville	Kendallville	Noble	154	15 40	2	6 00	21 40	John Graham.
65	Franklin	Franklin	Johnson	20	2 00	2			
66	Horeb	Jeffersonville	Clark	108	10 80	2	6 00	16 80	E. J Tuttle.
68	Vernon	Vernon	Jennings	64	6 40	2	6 00	12 40	Joseph Hole.
69	Beharrell	Florence	Switzerland						
70	Bloomington	Bloomington	Monroe	80	8 00	2	6 00	14 00	J. A. Holtzman.
71	Oceola	Martinsville	Morgan	26	2 60	2	6 00	8 60	B. Hayward.
72	Cannelton	Cannelton	Perry	238	23 80	2	6 00	29 80	E. E. Drumb.
73	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	Posey	200	20 00	2	6 00	26 00	S. H. Pearse.
74	Westfield	Westfield	Hamilton						
75	Princeton	Princeton	Gibson	155	15 50	2	6 00	21 50	John M. Ryan.
76	Warrick	Boonville	Warrick	197	19 70	2	6 00	25 70	A. J. Alton.
77	Spencer	Spencer	Owen	73	7 30	2	6 00	13 30	I. H. Fowler.
78	Plainfield	Plainfield	Hendricks	14	1 40	2	6 00	7 40	I. A. Johnson.
79	Valparaiso	Valparaiso	Porter	158	15 80	2	6 00	21 80	W. E. Brown.
80	Loogootee	Loogootee	Martin	95	9 50	2	6 00	15 50	G. W. Shirey.
81	Jerusalem	Sullivan	Sullivan	100	10 00	2	6 00	16 00	John T. Hays.
82	Clinton	Frankfort	Clinton	53	5 30	2	6 00	11 30	P. W. Gard.
83	Mishawaka	Mishawaka	St. Joseph	180	18 00	2	6 00	24 00	H. G. Beamer.
84	Bloomfield	Bloomfield	Greene	80	8 00	2	6 00	14 00	Adam G. Cavins.

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85	Seymour	Seymour	Jackson	.....	5 90	2	6 00	11 90	A. P. Charles.
87	Hartford	Hartford City	Blackford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
88	Leavenworth	Leavenworth	Crawford	174	.....	.....	.....	.....	
89	Kentland	Kentland	Newton	120	12 00	2	6 00	18 00	Wm. Perry.
90	Rochester	Rochester	Fulton	99	9 90	2	6 00	15 90	E. R. Herman.
91	Elkhart	Elkhart	Elkhart	154	15 40	2	6 00	21 40	J. H. Hutchinson.
U. D.	Liverpool	Washington	Daviess	145	14 50	2	6 00	20 50	C. M. Prentiss.
U. D.	Covington	Covington	Fountain	72	7 20	2	6 00	13 20	R. D. Fish.
	Total				$820 90		$534 00	1,354 90	

EDWARD S. ROSS,
JOHN BUTT,
R. M. JOHNSON,
Committee.

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Which was concurred in, and the several sums ordered to be paid.

TO COLLECT FEES FOR DEGREES.

Companion Thomas B. Long offered the following:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, in his annual address in regard to the collection of fees for Degrees, be and the same is hereby approved.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to install the Grand Officers elect and appointed for the ensuing year, agreeably to the forms and ceremonies prescribed by this Grand Chapter, M. E. Alexander Thomas, Past Grand High Priest, presiding and conducting the ceremonies, assisted by Companion R. M. Johnson, as Grand Marshal, and Companion Rev. James H. Hutchinson, Grand Chaplain.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULES.

Companion G. W. F. Kirk submitted the following, and asked its reference to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to-wit:

Resolved, That Rules 204, 205 and 206 of the Rules for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, be changed so as to read as follows:

1. A Companion, who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, shall, upon the payment of said dues, and a majority vote of his Chapter at any stated Convocation, be restored to all the rights and privileges of membership in his Chapter.

2. A Companion who has been indefinitely suspended for Unmasonic conduct, shall be restored to all the rights and privileges of membership in his Chapter by a majority vote of all the members present at any stated Convocation—petition having been submitted and properly referred at a previous stated Convocation.

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3. A Companion who has been expelled for Unmasonic conduct, may be restored to the position of a non-affiliate by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at any stated Convocation of his Chapter—petition having been submitted and properly referred at a previous stated Convocation. But it shall require a unanimous ballot to restore him to membership.

G. W. F. KIRK.

Which was agreed to, and thereupon, on motion of Companion Simeon H. Pearse, time was given the committee to report until the next Annual Convocation.

THANKS TO LODGES.

On motion of Companion Perry W. Gard, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be, and is hereby tendered to the W. Masters, Wardens, and brethren of Centre Lodge, No. 23, Ancient Landmarks Lodge, No. 319, and Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 398, for the use of their rooms and furniture during the Convocation now closing; and that a copy of this resolution be furnished to each of the said Lodges.

CLOSING.

The Grand Chapter, having completed its labors, and no further business appearing, proceeded to close in ample and solemn form, to meet again in Annual Convocation at the Grand Masonic Temple in the city of Indianapolis, "on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October," A. D. 1876, A. I. 2406 (October 18, 1876).

LUCIEN A. FOOTE,
Grand High Priest.

John M Bramwell

Grand Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

Of the work of the several Chapters subordinate to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana, from September 1, 1874, *to August* 31, 1875.

No. of Chapter.	Name of Chapter.	Mark Masters.	Past Masters	M. E. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Reinstated.	Admitted.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended for non-payment of dues.	Suspended for Unmasonic conduct	Expelled.	Total Number of Members.
1	Madison	....	1	2	2	...	1	...	3	.....	.....	...	42
2	Logan	2	2	2	4	..	...	3	.	.....	.....	...	90
3	LaFayette	26	26	28	28	...	3	4	1	.....	.....	...	134
4	King Solomon's	12	12	13	14	...	...	..	8	2	.....	7	109
5	Indianapolis	9	11	10	10	...	2	2	3	.....	1	2	164
6	Keystone	15	14	13	13	...	2	...	..	.....	.....	...	96
7	Vincennes	2	2	2	3	..	1	...	1	11	.....	1	33
8	Greensburgh	10	9	9	9	..	...	..	4	1	.....	...	45
9	Cambridge	2	2	2	2	...	...	3	6	.....	4	2	89
10	Columbus	5	2	2	3	1	...	1	3	8	2	1	84
11	Terre Haute	17	17	17	17	...	1	3	5	.....	.....	...	197
12	Evansville	6	6	6	7	...	...	2	3	.....	.....	...	89
13	Aurora	7	7	10	10	...	...	2	1	.....	.....	...	55
14	Noblesville	.....	.....	.....	1	.	...	..	...	.....	2	...	32
15	LaPorte	15	15	15	15	...	1	2	2	3	.....	2	90
16	Brookville	. ..	...	. ..	....	...	...	..	. .	.....	.....	...	29
17	New Albany	8	6	5	5	2	1	1	3	.....	1	...	45
18	Maxwell	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	.....	.....	...	52
19	Fort Wayne	9	9	11	9	...	...	3	3	.....	.....	...	179
20	Shelby	2	5	5	3	...	1	4	1	1	.....	...	92
21	Delphi	.....	1	1	....	...	...	...	1	.....	.....	...	25
22	Green Castle	17	17	17	17	...	3	...	8	4	.....	...	80
23	Mitchell	3	3	3	3	..	1	...	6	1	.....	...	43
24	Rush	8	7	8	8	..	1	1	3	3	.....	2	48
25	Michigan City	7	8	8	9	...	...	...	2	.....	.....	...	60
26	Wabash	.....	.....	.....	.....	.	...	1	3	1	2	...	37
27	Huntington	4	4	4	3	...	1	..	.	.....	.....	...	54
29	South Bend	25	26	26	24	...	3	2	6	2	1	...	162
30	Muncie	5	6	6	8	...	...	2	2	.....	.....	...	135
31	Kokomo	3	4	3	1	...	1	1	...	.....	.....	...	40
32	Milan	5	5	7	7	...	...	..	1	.....	.....	...	62
33	Knightstown	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	2	.....	2	...	88
34	Hacker	6	6	6	6	...	...	1	1	.....	.....	...	34
35	Randolph	10	10	10	10	...	2	...	2	.....	.....	...	46
36	LaGrange	2	1	1	1	...	.	...	..	.....	.....	...	24
37	Parke	3	3	4	4	...	...	...	...	3	.....	...	37

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38	Salem												37
39	Lebanon	9	9	7	8						1		50
40	Crawfordsville	3	3	3	3		3	2	9	8	2		57
41	Liberty	2	1	1	3								42
42	Noble County								3				35
43	Dunkirk						1	2		1			45
44	McCordsville	4	6	7	9				2			2	39
45	Goshen	1	1	5	5			1	2	8			56
46	Danville	2	2	2	2			1	3	2			35
47	Chester	3	1	3	3		1	1					27
48	Warsaw	7	7	6	6	1	1		1				64
49	Plymouth	7	7	7	7		1		1	2		3	61
50	New Castle	1	1	1	1		2	2	3				64
51	Pendleton	5	4	4	4				4				32
52	Anderson	5	5	2	2				2				70
53	Lincoln	6	3	4	5		1		3	1			51
54	Columbia City	3	3	1	1			1					38
55	Marion	9	9	9	9	1	1		5	14	5	1	76
56	Lawrenceburgh	1	1										33
57	Rockport												31
58	Angola	3	4	3	2			2					42
59	Brazil	5	7	7	8								61
61	Gosport,	1	1	1									61
62	Peru												23
63	William Hacker												35
64	Kendallville	4	4	4	6				7			2	64
65	Franklin	5	5	5	5			1	6				65
66	Horeb	3	3	3	4		2						53
68	Vernon	6	6	5	5		1	2	1				23
69	Beharrell	2	1										34
70	Bloomington	3	3	3	3			1					25
71	Oceola	3	3	1	1		1	2	1	2			39
72	Cannelton												19
73	Mount Vernon	8	6	6	6				1				23
74	Westfield	1	1	1	1								17
75	Princeton	12	12	12	12		1	1	1		1	2	54
76	Warrick	4	3	4	4								33
77	Spencer	4	9	9	9			1					41
78	Plainfield	2	2	2	2			2	1				33
79	Valparaiso	6	7	6	7		1	1	3				64
80	Loogootee	1	1	2	2				1				32
81	Jerusalem	9	9	9	9				1				46

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82	Clinton	18	16	16	16	...	...	...	1	.....	1	...	58
83	Mishawaka	6	6	6	6	...	...	...	3	.....	.....	...	38
84	Bloomfield	1	1	....	.....	...	...	..	.....	.....	.....	. .	30
85	Seymour	3	3	3	3	...	...	1	.....	.....	.....	...	38
87	Hartford City	1	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	2	.....	.....	...	21
88	Leavenworth	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	....
89	Kentland	12	7	6	3	...	...	1	1	.....	.....	...	20
90	Rochester	7	5	5	4	...	...	2	.....	.....	.....	...	17
91	Elkhart	10	9	5	6	...	1	1	2	.....	.....	...	35
U D	Liverpool	10	10	8	8	...	3	1	.....	.....	.....	...	21
U D	Covington	35	35	35	34	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	39
	Totals, 1875	502	493	489	494	7	47	69	154	78	25	27	4868
	Totals, 1874	455	436	447	441	9	59	49	122	44	9	24	4567
	Increase	47	57	42	53	...	...	20	32	34	16	3	301
	Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....

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DEATHS.

MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS WHO DIED FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1874, TO AUGUST 31, 1875.

Battenberg, John M., Logan Chapter, No. 2, December 7, 1874.
Beard, Benton I., Cambridge Chapter, No. 9, ——— ———
Baker, James, Aurora Chapter, No. 13, May 23, 1875.
Burk, R. W., Aurora Chapter, No. 13, August 11, 1875.
Babcock, W. C., Fort Wayne Chapter, No. 19, December —, 1874.
Bayless, Sol. D., Fort Wayne Chapter, No. 19, May 30, 1875.
Bamgroner, James, Shelby Chapter, No. 20, July 10, 1875.
Bryant, John S., Muncie Chapter, No. 30, May 4, 1875.
Beall, John, Franklin Chapter, No. 65, March 1, 1875.
Berry, William S., Princeton Chapter, No. 75, ——— ———
Bartholomew, Luther H., Kentland Chapter, No. 89, June 19, 1875.

Crocket, John F., Logan Chapter, No. 2, April —, 1875.
Cook, Ulysses, LaFayette Chapter, No. 3, May 26, 1875.
Cooper, Moses O., Columbus Chapter, No. 10, May 7, 1875.
Cloud, H. W., Evansville Chapter, No. 12, May 5, 1875.
Childs, John S., South Bend Chapter, No. 29, September 6, 1874.
Crandall, Albert R., Angola Chapter, No. 58, August 22, 1875.

Dodd, Joseph H., LaFayette Chapter, No. 3, July 23, 1875.
Durnan, Richard, Maxwell Chapter, No. 18, March 5, 1875.
Duncan, Henry G., Plainfield Chapter, No. 78, September 11, 1874.
Davis, John R., Liverpool Chapter, U. D., July 21, 1875.

Earnest, James R., Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11, April 16, 1875.

Fraser, Davis, LaFayette Chapter, No. 3, November 6, 1874.
Foster, John F., Spencer Chapter, No. 77, ——— ———

Grover, Nicholas D., Logan Chapter, No. 2, June 17, 1875.
Gwynne, William H., Cambridge Chapter, No. 9, January —, 1875.
Green, Solomon A., Seymour Chapter, No. 85, ——— ———

Hunt, H. W., Cambridge Chapter, No. 9, December 8, 1874.
Henry, Charles W., LaPorte Chapter, No. 15, September 6, 1874.
Hildreth, Benjamin O., Rush Chapter, No. 24, September 6, 1874.

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DEATHS—CONTINUED.

Hurley, James. Muncie Chapter, No. 30, April 26, 1875.
Huffman, William, Dunkirk Chapter, No. 43, January —, 1875.
Hatt, Henry, Goshen Chapter, No. 45, October 21, 1874.
Hunt, Erastus F., Danville Chapter, No. 46, June 27, 1875.
Hatch, Warner, New Castle Chapter, No. 50, December 26, 1874.
Hammond, Edward T., Angola Chapter, No. 58, February 8, 1875.
Hardin, Stephen N., Plainfield Chapter, No. 78, February 13, 1875.

Jessup, Irvin S., LaPorte Chapter, No. 15. September 6, 1874.

Kerr, Taylor C., New Castle Chapter, No. 50, April 21, 1875.

Lent, C. V. N., Chester Chapter, No. 47, July 27, 1875.

Macleod, Alex. H., LaFayette Chapter, No. 3, November 6, 1874.
Meyer, Samuel, Evansville Chapter, No. 12, May 25, 1875.
Morrison, John, Shelby Chapter, No. 20, October 18, 1874.
McClelland, James S., Crawfordsville Chapter, No. 40, Aug. 29, 1875.
McClelland, James E., Vernon Chapter, No. 68, October 10, 1874.

North, Samuel, Columbia City Chapter, No. 54, October 23, 1874.
Nutt, Cyrus, Bloomington Chapter, No. 70, August 23, 1875.

O'Mara, James, Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11, May 12, 1875.
Oger, Frank M., Fort Wayne Chapter, No. 19, April 28, 1875.

Prime, N., Kokomo Chapter, No. 31, February 11, 1875.
Parks, Pleasant A., Hacker Chapter, No. 34, February 11, 1875.
Pettis, George W., Elkhart Chapter, No. 91, March 25, 1875.

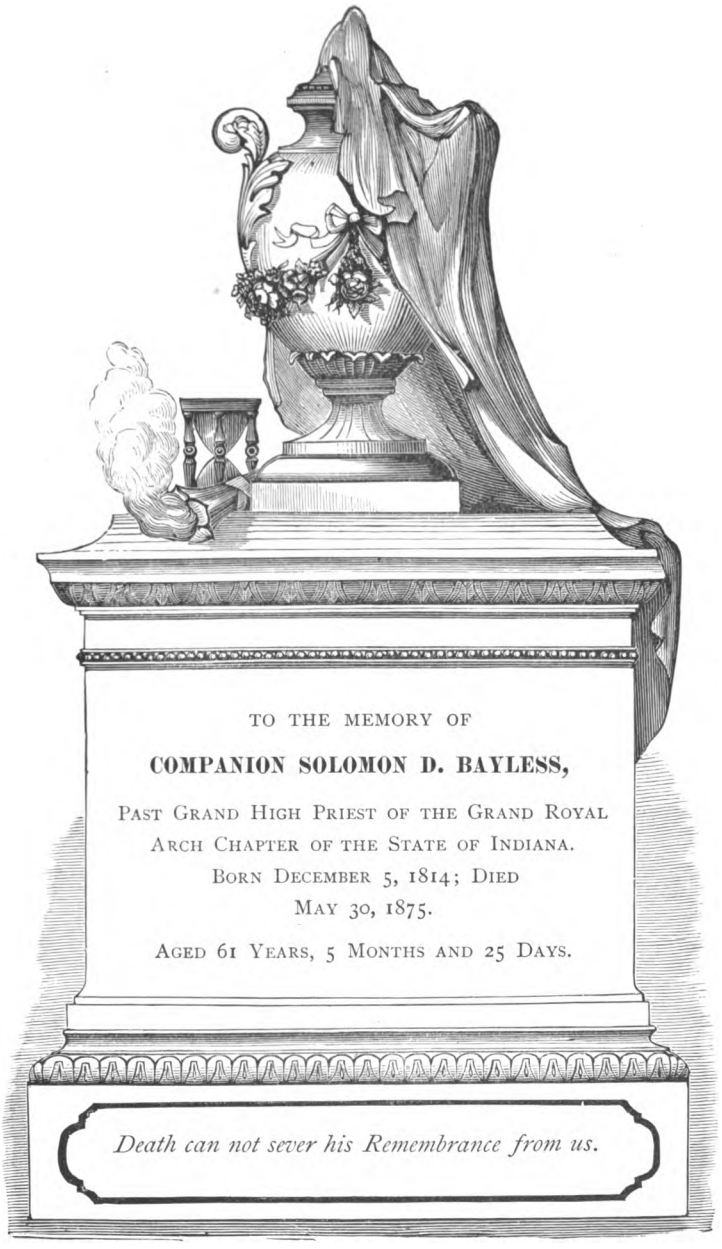
Reed, Jacob, Shelby Chapter, No. 20, August 14, 1875.
Rose, John B., Wabash Chapter, No. 26, May 9, 1875.
Rowden, Philip, Rochester Chapter, No. 90, April 4, 1875.

Shaw, Robert J., New Albany Chapter, No. 17, August 21, 1875.
Sidener, James B., Crawfordsville Chapter, No. 40, July 31, 1875.
Snyder, L. M., Dunkirk Chapter, No. 43, August 30, 1875.
Silvers, John S., Vernon Chapter, No. 68, January 25, 1875.
Slough, John T., Oceola Chapter, No. 71, ——— ———
Smith, Richmond P., Rochester Chapter, No. 90, November 30, 1874.

Talbert, Henry L., Shelby Chapter, No. 20, July 25, 1875.
Tuttle, Richmond, South Bend Chapter, No. 29, November 9, 1874.
Trueblood, Miles T., Knightstown Chapter, No. 33, ——— ———
Thwing, O. O., Oceola Chapter, No. 71, ——— ———

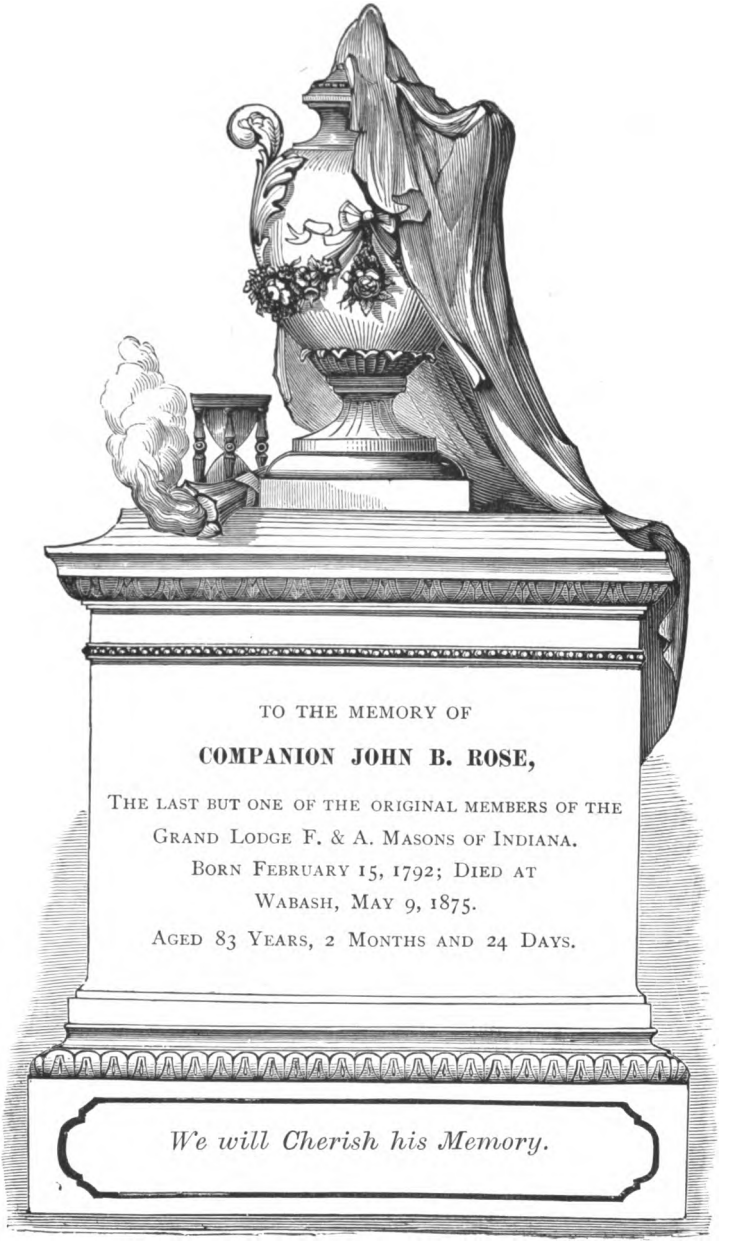
Wolfe, Simon, Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11, October 25, 1874.
Wolfe, John, Valparaiso Chapter, No. 79, December 11, 1874.

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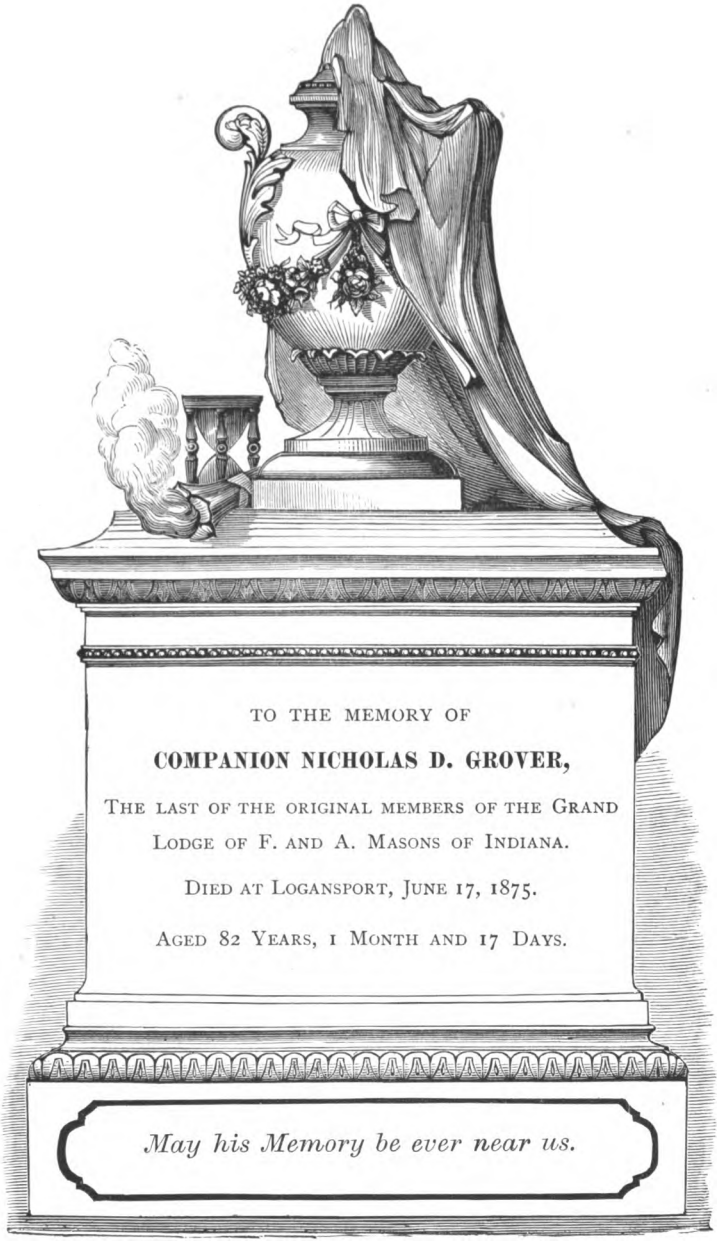
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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF INDIANA, NEAR SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS.

Name.	*Residence.*	*Gr. Chapter.*
Richard M. Edwards	Cleveland, Tenn	Tennessee.
Peleg Brown	Mobile, Ala	Alabama.
James E. Carter	Jefferson City, Mo	Missouri.
James Seymour	St. Catharines, Ont	Canada.
Robert W. Furnas	Brownville, Neb	Nebraska.
Jacob D. Rush	Fort Scott, Kan	Kansas.
Thomas Hardeman	Grenada, Miss	Mississippi.
Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago, Ill	Illinois.
William Wallace Lee	West Meriden	Connecticut.
Charles L. Chovey		New Jersey.
Augustus T. Smythe	Charleston, S. C	South Carolina.
R. J. Laughlin	Nebo, Ky	Kentucky.
John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee, Wis	Wisconsin.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF INDIANA.

Name.	*Residence.*	*Gr. Chapter.*
Harvey G. Hazelrigg	Lebanon	Tennessee.
William Hacker	Shelbyville	Nebraska.
Rees J. Chesnutwood	South Bend	Mississippi.
Rees J. Chesnutwood	South Bend	Illinois.
LaGrange Severance	Huntington	Maine.
Christian Fetta	Richmond	Connecticut.
Lucien A. Foote	Crawfordsville	New Jersey.
George H. Fish	Evansville	South Carolina.
Alexander Thomas	Terre Haute	Wisconsin.
Alexander Thomas	Terre Haute	Kentucky.

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APPENDIX.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal
Arch Chapter of the State of Indiana:

I have made such extracts from the proceedings of the following States, as, in my judgment, will best show the status of the Royal Craft. I have avoided personal comment in a great measure, considering it as an official communication, which, in the discharge of my duties, devolves upon me; to show the Craft what is being done in sister jurisdictions, inform them of important decisions, and leave them to form their own conclusions:

Alabama . . . . . 1874.
Arkansas . . . . . 1874.
California. . . . . 1875.
Canada. . . . . 1874.
Colorado . . . . . 1875.
Delaware . . . . . 1874.
District of Columbia . . . . . 1874.
Florida . . . . . 1874 and 1875.
Georgia. . . . . 1875.
Illinois . . . . . 1874.
Iowa . . . . . 1874.
Kansas . . . . . 1874.

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Louisiana . . . . . 1875.
Maine . . . . . 1875.
Maryland . . . . . 1874.
Massachusetts . . . . . 1874.
Michigan . . . . . 1875.
Minnesota . . . . . 1874.
Missouri . . . . . 1874.
Nebraska . . . . . 1873 and 1875.
New York. . . . . 1875.
New Hampshire . . . . . 1874.
New Jersey . . . . . 1874.
Nova Scotia . . . . . 1874.
North Carolina . . . . . 1874 and 1875.
Ohio . . . . . 1874.
Pennsylvania . . . . . 1874.
South Carolina . . . . . 1875.
Rhode Island . . . . . 1872, 1873 and 1874.
Tennessee . . . . . 1874.
Vermont . . . . . 1874.
Virginia . . . . . 1874.
Wisconsin . . . . . 1875.
General Grand Chapter United States . . . . . 1874.

ALABAMA.

The Forty-Eighth Annual Grand Convocation was held at Montgomery, December 8, 1874.

Companion Myles J. Greene, G. H. P.

Companion Daniel Sayre, G. S.

The Grand High Priest's address is a compendium of choice thought and language. Too short to cull from; too long to copy entire.

The following were among his decisions:

"1st. Any member of the Chapter, who is in good and regular standing, is eligible to the office of High Priest.

"2d. Any member of the Chapter, who is regularly affiliated with some Subordinate Lodge, who is clear on the books, and under no charge, is in good and regular standing.

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"3d. Subordinate Chapters have the right to enact by-laws suspending members for non-payment of dues.

"4th. It is not necessary to submit to the Grand Chapter every by-law adopted by a Subordinate Chapter. After the Grand Chapter has passed upon the by-laws of a Chapter, that Chapter may amend such by-laws according to their own provisions for amending the same, and such amendment is valid and binding from the adoption; subject, of course, to be tested at any time, before the Grand Chapter, as to its constitutionality."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from P. J. Pillans, who speaks of us kindly.

Companion Myles J. Greene, of Loachapoka, was re-elected G. H. P.

Companion Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, was re-elected G. S.

ARKANSAS.

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Convocation was held at Little Rock, October 22, 1874.

Companion Samuel W. Williams, G. H. P., delivered an address full of Masonic teachings.

On the condition of the Craft he says:

"Companions, I am happy to be able to report the Royal Craft in a reasonably prosperous condition. In view of the condition of our State, financially and politically, for the last few years, the wonder is not so great that one Chapter has died and others seem to be in a dying condition, but rather that we have so many Chapters which have been able to weather the storm, and give promise of reaping the harvest which has been sown in tears, under a sunnier sky, and the wonder still is, that while some have died, others have come into existence."

A gentle reminder to further duty:

"Poor soldiers have we been in the world's moral strifes, if we have succeeded in being only mere camp-followers in the tents of right; better that, however, than to have fought on the other side. Happy are we if we can show our trophies, or point to monuments of our good deeds. Have we dried a tear? Have we given a morsel to the hungry? Have we spoken words of encouragement to the despairing? Have we written, spoken, or done anything for the good of our race and the cause of truth, that may tell of us when we are dead?"

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The death of Past Deputy G. H. P. Harris Flanagin, was announced; and the Grand High Priest bears tesimony to his character in the following language:

"Thus, while we are working here for the benefit of the Order, has a great and good man and Mason gone to his rest. But he has fallen crowned with honors, Masonic and political, respected and esteemed by all who knew him, for he was an honest man, a pure and upright Mason."

No report from Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion Samuel W. Williams, re-elected G. H. P.

Companion L. E. Barber, of Little Rock, re-elected G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

Met at San Francisco, April 13, 1875.

Companion William Alexander January, G. H. P., states in a succinct manner his acts of the past year.

All is peaceful upon the western shore.

Charles Louis Wiggin presents the report on Foreign Correspondence, in ninety-six pages of fine type, and closes his report by alluding to its shortcomings.

He endorses Companion Thomas upon his moral platform, and agrees with our Committee on Jurisprudence, in the decision that an objection only acts as a negative ballot. Copies, entire, Companion Hazelrigg's report on physical qualifications. Compliments Companion Thomas on his report, and otherwise speaks kindly.

Companion William Thomas Reynolds elected G. H. P.

Companion Charles L. Wiggin, San Francisco, re-elected G. S.

CANADA.

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation was held at Ottawa, October 14, 1874.

Companion Charles D. Macdonnell, "The Grand Z.," out of consideration for the illness of Companion Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary, postponed the convocation from August to

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October, and then was obliged to announce his death. He delivered a touching eulogy, closing with the following:

"His unassuming disposition, his generosity of nature, his cheerful readiness at all times, and frequently under trying circumstances, to perform acts of substantial kindness towards those requiring such offices at his hands, deservedly won for him from the Royal Craft its highest measure of regard; and now that his period of usefulness on earth has terminated, I doubt not that this Grand Chapter will heartily unite with the other Orders of Masonry—in whose service his best days and energies were spent—in erecting an enduring monument to perpetuate his memory to succeeding generations."

He refers to the fact that their Grand Representative at District of Columbia, is not acceptable to a portion of the craft, but declines to revoke his commission, without referring the matter to the Grand Body.

The Grand Chapter adopted the following:

"Your committee regret to learn that difficulties of a personal nature have arisen between our representative, near the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and the M. E., the Grand High Priest of that jurisdiction, and as the M. E., the Grand High Priest has requested the withdrawal of the appointment of R. E. Comp. J. E. Mason, your committee beg to recommend that although we have no cause of dissatisfaction with Companion Mason, the Grand Z. be requested, if it shall become necessary, to withdraw his credentials, as we can not desire to have a representative at any Grand Chapter who is not agreeable to those with whom he comes in contact, and whose presence might impair those kindly feelings which should at all times exist between sister Grand Bodies."

Correctly stated, we think.

Companion Henry Robertson furnishes an able report on Foreign Correspondence, but we fail to find any allusion to our own State, except the fact that he had not received our proceedings.

Sorry! We would have liked his criticisms, judging from what we know of him.

He paid a beautiful tribute to his friend and companion, T. B. Harris; telling his own grief in the general language below:

"But it is on those who were privileged with his intimacy that the blow falls with the most telling effect. Their sorrow is indeed poignant, and their regret will be more lasting. His memory will be ever green in our hearts

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By remembering his many virtues, we will pay him a tribute, such as Masons owe to those whom Masons revere and love. We can do no more to prove how dearly we loved, and how deeply we respected our departed Companion."

"We can only say, that if Masons wish for an example by which to form their own course, they have but to look to the Masonic career of our revered Companion, Thomas Bird Harris."

Companion James Seymour, of St. Catharines, elected G. Z.

Companion C. D. Macdonnell, of Petersboro, elected Grand Scribe E.

COLORADO.

Convention to organize the Grand Chapter of Colorado, met at Denver, May 11, 1875.

Their organization was effected in due form, with the following officers:

Companion William N. Byers, of Denver, G. H. P.

Companion Edward C. Parmalee, of Georgetown, G. S.

From the goodly array of names in their appendix, we expect good work, and welcome them heartily.

DELAWARE.

The Seventh Convocation met at Wilmington, January 20, 1875.

Companion George W. Stone, G. H. P., gave an address which clearly shows that Delaware is a haven of rest. Read this extract:

"Not a single occurrence has taken place during the year that has called for any action of sufficient importance to bring to your notice."

No report from Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion Willis Holden, elected G. H. P.

Companion J. P. Allmond, elected G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

At the Semi-Annual Convocation, held May 12, 1874, at Washington, Companion Joseph Daniels gave report upon

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Grand High Priest's address. We cut the following as being sound doctrine:

"So far as your committee are informed, the neglect or refusal to pay dues to a Masonic Body has never been considered such an offense as would justify Masonic discipline, so as to affect the Masonic standing of a brother, further than to deprive the delinquent of membership and all the rights, immunities, and benefits incident thereto. This, we think, is as it should be. The right of membership in a Masonic Body carries with it all other rights and benefits which properly belong to the Craft, and which are well understood by every intelligent Mason. The loss of membership, while it does not affect his Masonic standing, is accompanied with a loss of all those rights, and leaves him in the position of an unaffiliate, having no right to sit in such Body and participate in its deliberations, nor even to visit, except by mere matter of favor—no Masonic home while living, and no right to Masonic burial when dead. The loss of these rights, and others not necessary to mention here, has always been considered sufficient punishment for the neglect of what is very properly considered by the M. E. Grand High Priest, the very important duty of paying dues. So that, while your committee are in full accord and sympathy with the M. E. Grand High Priest in his censure of Masons who, without any good reason, neglect this very important duty, we do not agree with him in his mode of punishment."

Annual Convocation November 20, 1874, at Washington.

Companion Noble D. Larned, G. H. P.

He reports having visited every Chapter in his jurisdiction, and the interest in Capitular Masonry increasing.

E. B. McGrotty furnishes a feast in his report on Foreign Correspondence. Would that it did not affect our treasury, many an extract would I make. This will do:

"Want of time and space prevents us from making further extracts from this report. Companion Hornor, in conclusion, remarks that he is more than ever satisfied that the two positions, that of Grand High Priest and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, should not be filled by one Companion, and desires that any of his views expressed in his report should not be considered as having any more weight or importance than they deserve, as being merely his individual opinions of questions and matters that came before him for simply friendly criticism."

So say I.

Companion Noble D. Larned, of Washington, elected G. H. P.

Companion L. G. Stevens, of Washington, elected G. S.

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FLORIDA, 1874.

Annual Convocation May 12, 1874, at Jacksonville.

Companion Michael Bowes gave a short address confined to local matters.

Companion J. S. Driggs, in his report on Foreign Correspondence, thus endorses brevity:

"The address of the venerable and M. E. Eden H. Davis, G. H. P., for purity, simplicity and eloquence, is rarely excelled, and will rank, in the hereafter of time, among the most chaste and eloquent Masonic documents of the times. Afflictions connected with advanced years in life, we are sorry to note, compels this venerable, but faithful and always sound Companion, to retire from the more active scenes of Masonic life, to look back upon a life devoted to usefulness, and forward to rest and refreshment with the High Priest of our profession in the Chapter above."

FLORIDA, 1875.

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Convocation met January 12, 1875, at Tallahassee.

Their proceedings are an enigma.

Companion E. H. Berry, *as* G. H. P., at the first session.

Companion Daniel Pasco, *as* G. H. P., the next day.

No address; no report on Foreign Correspondence.

New constitution adopted.

Companion Henry W. Long, of Cotton Plant, elected G. H. P.

Companion DeWitt C. Dawkins, of Jacksonville, re-elected G. S.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Chapter assembled at Macon, April 28, 1875.

Companion Luther J. Glenn, G. H. P., in his address, congratulates the Craft upon its condition, and regrets his inability to visit them, as follows:

"Long continued ill health, unfitting me for travel and for work, has alone prevented me from visiting many, if not all, the Subordinate Chapters dur-

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ing the year. While to them my failure so to do may have occasioned no disappointment, to myself it has been a source of deep regret. While to them I may not have been able to dispense any additional light and knowledge, yet I can but feel that to have been privileged to meet and mingle with my Companions, in their several Chapters, would have been productive of mutual benefit, perhaps, exciting each and all to a more active and faithful discharge of the high duties and solemn obligations resting upon us as Royal Arch Masons."

Our sympathies are with him. "Man proposes, but God disposes."

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion Luther J. Glenn, of Atlanta, re-elected G. H. P.

Companion J. Emmett Blackshear, of Macon, G. S.

ILLINOIS.

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Convocation met at Chicago, October 29, 1874.

The address of the Grand High Priest, George E. Lounsberry, is a plain statement of his official acts.

Companion Drummond, of Maine, has taken the most interesting notice of theirs, and reports it as follows:

"The following is an interesting case, but it illustrates the danger of bringing mere business matters into the Lodge. While we highly approve of the submission of such cases to a limited number of brethren, as referees, we think that their submission to a Lodge or Chapter is very liable to produce discord, for the losing party is rarely, if ever, satisfied with the decision. The Grand Chapter approved the action of the Grand High Priest.

"A complaint was made to me by Salem Chapter, No. 64, concerning the action of one of its members. It appears that two members of the Lodge at that place, one a Royal Arch Mason, and the other elected to the Chapter Degrees and a recipient of a portion of them, had a partnership business, and upon its dissolution failed to settle their business affairs satisfactorily. Disliking to go into the courts, and fully recognizing their Masonic obligations, they agreed—and entered into a written stipulation to that effect—that all differences should be settled by arbitration of the Lodge. The Companion had, on commencement of their business difficulties, entered objections against the further advancement of the brother. The Lodge, after a full investigation of the affairs of the firm, unanimously decided in favor of the brother who had been stopped in his advancement; but the Companion, not being satisfied,

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refused to abide by the agreement voluntarily entered into, and persisted in his objection until (as he wrote me in substance) his pecuniary demands were satisfied.

"After considerable correspondence with both parties, at the earnest request of the Chapter, I visited Salem and fully investigated the matter, finding affairs as above stated. Here I would remark that this thing of bringing business affairs or differences into Masonic Bodies for adjustment is generally to be deprecated, but, in this instance, the parties seemed to feel anxious to avoid the publicity consequent upon a legal investigation, and were fully agreed to abide the verdict of the brethren. After a full hearing of the case, I decided according to the decisions formerly made in Grand Lodge, which coincided with the opinion of the Committee on Revision of our Grand Chapter By-Laws—that the Companion must make known his objection to the High Priest, who might submit it to the Chapter, and, if sustained, it should be considered valid; if not, the High Priest could confer the degree. The decision gave entire satisfaction to all the members, if I except the party objecting, who, though duly apprised of my coming, failed to put in an appearance."

A report on Foreign Correspondence, by Companion James H. Miles, with a complete digest of official action in the various States, without individual comment.

Companion William A. J. Delancy, of Centralia, was elected Grand High Priest.

Companion James H. Miles, of Chicago, was elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The Twenty-First Annual Convocation met at Dubuque, October 20, 1874.

Companion Robert F. Bower, G. H. P., in his address, reports the Order as eminently prosperous—the Companions zealous and untiring. It is a plain statement of his official action, carefully divided with appropriate headings.

Many decisions, all answered by the General Laws, except this one:

"The question was asked me, 'Whether a brother, whose petition had been favorably acted on, but whose advancement was objected to by a member, which objection was recorded, could not again petition?'

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"To which I replied, 'That the brother's petition having been already acted on, it would be entirely inadmissible to receive another petition, and the only way to proceed was, for the Companion to withdraw his objection and place the same on record, and then confer the degree. A Companion has a perfect right to object without stating his reasons. His objection can not be gainsaid, *but must be respected until it is withdrawn.*"

I think Companion Bower will, in time, admit that an objection can become *outlawed* the same as a negative ballot.

The installation was public, at which Companion E. A. Guilbert delivered an eloquent address. We must clip a gem or two from the sparkling casket. Read these:

"To advantage every effort which shall have for its object the furtherance of peace and political quietude. In this latter regard, we American citizens, during the late civil conflict, have seen hundreds of notable and practical illustrations of the fact that Masons do not always neglect to supplement their beautiful *theories* by effective *practice*. I have also, in this discourse, repeatedly had occasion to mention the axiom, that Masonry has always been the conservator of Religion; not the religion of any sect, but that true 'Religion in which all men agree,' viz: A belief in the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man; out of which belief, by a natural process of reasoning, proceed the doctrine of future rewards and punishments, and a common-sense conviction of the value of the gentle Jeremy Taylor's statement, that 'true religion consists in the doing of our duty, and that theology is rather a divine life than a divine knowledge.' Proud are we, as reverent men humbly acknowledging our relation to, and our dependence upon Deity—proud are we in the belief that ever

"Since the far generations
Began to crash down the precipitous
Steep of Time,"

such an intimate union has existed between Religion and Masonry.

"Let us remember the beautiful analogy there is between Religion and Masonry, and the flower and the life-infusing sunbeam. You know how when a flower is removed from all contact with the light, so that its lung-like petals no more can respond to the wooing of the amorous sunbeam, it always famishes and ceases to grow. So, in like manner, Masonry becomes weak and sickly, when the constant, joyous, vivifying rays of the sun of righteousness no longer penetrate its mystic body-politic, and imbue its every component part with the inscrutable principle of animation!"

And now, wish you had it all.

They had an "Afterwards"—a banquet and ball. Iowa never half does anything. They are fond of good things, and know how to use them.

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The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion T. S. Parvin; no extracts, no quotations, but a masterly statement of the position in each State, and such comments as only an adept can give.

An additional proof to me of the folly that pervades some jurisdictions, in requiring the report from its executive officer, when it is patent that said report requires not only the *best*, but a *peculiar* talent.

Companion R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, was re-elected Grand High Priest.

Companion Wm. B. Langridge, of Muscatine, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The Tenth Annual Convocation met at Leavenworth, October 20, 1874.

Companion John M. Price, Grand High Priest, in his capital address, speaks of the rapid and healthful growth of the Order in his State since 1866—no trouble, no discord, but all prosperity and happiness.

The following are among his decisions:

"It is a general rule of Masonic jurisprudence that a suspension or expulsion by the Lodge also suspends or expels, as the case may be, from the higher branches of the Order. Therefore, if a brother has been regularly tried by his Lodge, and been suspended or expelled, the same penalty attached to him as a Royal Arch Mason, without a trial in his Chapter. In such case it is the right and the duty of the High Priest to obtain from the Lodge a certificate of such conviction and sentence, and cause it to be entered on the records of the Chapter. To prevent misapprehension, I also held, that if the Lodge only suspended the accused, and the Chapter believed he should have been expelled, it has the right to prefer charges and expel him from the Chapter. This sentence of expulsion, however, does not affcet the brother's standing in the Lodge."

"A Chapter has no right to expel a Companion for non-payment of dues."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion E. T. Carr. Judging from his excellent report, he must be one of the "mutuals."

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Companion John M. Price, of Atchison, was re-elected Grand High Priest.

Companion E. T. Carr, of Leavenworth, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

This Grand Chapter convened at New Orleans, February 9, 1875.

Companion Joseph P. Horner, Grand High Priest, in an able address, of some length, places before the Craft all matters of general interest. He makes a decision upon the much-talked-about status of a suspended Master Mason in the Chapter. But I notice that the minority report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted, leaving the matter as it is with us, and reversing Companion Horners's decision, viz.:

"I decided that a Companion is not to be considered as *suspended* from either Lodge or Chapter, whose name has been stricken from the roll of his Lodge under the recent edicts of the Grand Lodge, (Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1874, page 133); nor that his standing in his Chapter is to be in any manner affected by such action of his Lodge; and that such action is not equivalent to suspension."

Companion Samuel J. Powell, of St. Francisville, was elected Grand High Priest.

Companion James C. Bachelor, M. D., of New Orleans, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

Annual Convocation held at Portland, May 4, 1875.

Companion Horace H. Burbank, G. H. Priest, delivered an address mainly confined to his official action. He announces the death of Past Grand High Priest Timothy Chase, in appropriate language, and a fine steel portrait of this old Masonic pioneer graces the volume of proceedings.

The following decision was adopted:

"Is it necessary that a request for waiver of jurisdiction lie over one month before being acted on? Ans.—Yes."

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Having filled the measure of his official days as Grand High Priest, he consents to "step down," *but not out.*

The system of visitations is carried out in this State by the Grand Officers, and, judging from their reports, with much benefit to the craft.

The following was adopted as a standing regulation:

"*Resolved*, That a candidate for the degrees, whose petition has been accepted, who does not present himself to receive the Mark degree within one year from such acceptance, shall forfeit all right by reason of such acceptance, and shall not be advanced except on a new petition; but any time, if more than three months, such person is temporarily absent from the State shall be deducted."

The Report of Correspondence is from the facile pen of Companion J. H. Drummond.

He takes the ground that—

"If restoration of one as a Master Mason restores him as a Royal Arch Mason, it ought to restore to membership in the Chapter also."

He also says:

"Our decided opinion is that when a Grand High Priest signifies to another that the Representative from the Grand Chapter of the latter is not acceptable to that of the former, the commission should be at once withdrawn, and the Representative referred to the Grand High Priest for the reasons. It is neither the duty nor the right of one Grand Chapter to undertake to sustain its Representative near another, in any matter not connected with his official duties."

I quote this because I think that a commission to a Representative should never be issued without the request or consent of a Grand Officer in whose jurisdiction he resides, they being in a position to learn and judge as to his qualifications.

Companion Drummond quotes at length from our proceedings, and approves all action by the Grand Chapter, and says that Companion Thomas's Report on Correspondence "is full of sense and valuable suggestions."

He thinks there is no *authority* for the decision that a Companion must be a King or Scribe before he can become a High Priest.

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So much has been said upon the following, that I will give our Companions the benefit of it, as it seems to cover all the ground:

"The law is settled that when a member of a Chapter, expelled by his Lodge, is restored by his Lodge, he is restored to his rights as a Royal Arch Mason, but not to membership in his Chapter. But we deny the correctness of this proposition: We hold that the law *ought to be* that he is not restored without the action of the Chapter; but if he is, the same reasoning that shows he is restored as a Royal Arch Mason, shows that he is restored to membership also.

"We admitted this to be the law, and the Grand Chapter of Maine never disputed it; so the references by Companion C. to the action of the Grand Chapter of Maine, or to official decisions by us, do not touch the question.

"Within the past year, the tendency has been to change the law as it stood four years ago, and hold that the restoration is to membership as well. This would make the doctrine consistent. Within the year past, three different decisions have been given upon this question by different Grand Bodies. 1. That the party is not restored at all in the higher Bodies. 2. That he is restored to all rights, except membership. 3. That he is restored to all rights, including membership. The discussion, or something else, has quite unsettled the law; and it now will, probably, have to be fixed (as in California) by express legislation. We hold that the restoration is a *pardon*, and not 'an obliteration of its first action.'"

Maine did not reach me until October 10th, when I was closing my report, and I have had to give it a cursory examination.

Companion Henry L. Paine, of Portland, elected G. H. P.

Companion Ira Berry, of Portland, re-elected G. S.

MARYLAND.

Annual Convocation at Baltimore, November 9, 1874.

Companion James W. Bowers, G. H. P., says:

"Nothing of an unpleasant character has been reported to me, consequently I have had no occasion for discipline or reprimand.

"This, to me, is a matter of pride, that during my term of office the Craft has been united as one man, to further the great principles of our time-honored institution."

Happy jurisdiction! I wish we could all repeat the simple words, "united as one man."

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The following amendments to their constitution were adopted:

"The first six aforesaid Past Grand Officers shall each have one vote, and each Chapter represented to one vote by its Representatives collectively; and each Past High Priest present to one vote. No present High Priest shall be ranked as a Past High Priest."

The General Grand Chapter tells us who can vote, and the above seems to be in conflict:

"No Chapter shall elect for its High Priest any other than a King, Past King, Scribe, Past Scribe, or Past High Priest, unless the Chapter by death, removal, or other cause, shall have no member so qualified."

Be sure, Companions, you elect your best men as King and Scribe. I have seen excellent High Priests taken from the floor.

Companion Herman L. Emmons, Jr., gives us a full report on Foreign Correspondence—readable and instructive. He copies Companion William Hacker's interesting report on the Order of High Priesthood, as in fact some others do, and gives it the credit it deserves.

Companion Jas. W. Bowers, of Baltimore, re-elected G. H. P.

Companion William A. Wentz, of Baltimore, re-elected G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Annual Convocation at Boston, December 30, 1874.

Companion Alfred F. Chapman, G. H. P., in his address, furnishes evidence that he has not only his heart in the work, but has given abundantly of his time. He speaks of twenty-one official visitations, and says:

"It has been my object during my official service, to encourage and stimulate such Chapters as might be, from any cause, weakening; hence I have endeavored, during my term, to visit *all*, and so to arrange my visits, that while they would be official, they should also be timely and fraternal."

Such careful supervision of the work and interests of the Craft cannot help infusing the spirit of the Master into the Craft; and it is not strange that with such teaching. "Light" is continually diffused from the East. He closes as follows:

"Be ye therefore, Companions, of one mind—avoid private piques; give such no ear nor voice in Masonry. In it, shun cliques, or as the street has

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it—rings—for they are breeders of error and decay. It is the privilege of every Mason to think, to see, and, if need be, to act and speak. The Masonic institution wants men, who, standing in awe only of the Infinite Father, are individual in character, strong in purpose, correct in deed, true of heart; giving and doing the best they can for the general weal, themselves seeking *Light*, with their faces turned thitherward."

He speaks kindly of the Representative system, and finally recommends it.

John W. Dadmun furnishes the Report on Foreign Correspondence. It stamps him as a worthy compeer of him whose place he takes. He "steps down and UP."

Companion John W. Dadmun, of Winthrop, elected G. H. P.

Companion Zeph. H. Thomas, Jr., of Boston, elected G. S.

MICHIGAN.

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Convocation was held at Detroit, January 19, 1875; Companion Alfred I. Sawyer, Grand High Priest. His address is devoted to the local affairs of his jurisdiction, and is full and carefully subdivided. He seems to have met with "obstacles," but persevered to the end. Sent to reprimand one Chapter, he was forced to arrest their charter; another traveling over the rough road of financial difficulty, was with hard work saved, it is hoped, to future usefulness.

Several decisions of a novel character, but none elucidating any but known principles, except the following:

"Answer—You, as Masons, have nothing whatever to do with the courts. Act well your parts as Masons, and let the courts take care of themselves. Ascertain the guilt or innocence of the party accused, in a Masonic way, and then govern yourselves accordingly. The mere decisions of courts should have no weight with Masons, as between Masons, unless, after due examination and a fair trial by his Companions, the accused be found guilty or innocent of the offense charged; for by the courts, though innocent, he may be *found* guilty, and though guilty he may be found innocent, through some legal technicality, venality of the courts or ignorance of the jury. Therefore, though condemned and punished by the decrees of the courts, unless the evidence and facts are against him and you believe him to be guilty, stand by him, succor, protect and defend him to the last. But though acquitted by the

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courts, the evidence and facts are against him, and you believe him to be really guilty, and so find, cast him from among you at once. Heave him over among the rubbish as rejected material, 'unfit for the builder's use.'"

A little strong in its conclusions. Conviction in court should be tangible evidence, and the *fact* should have its weight as evidence.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by J. Eastman Johnson. Carefully collated, and written in the style and manner of an adept.

Companion John L. Mitchell, of Jackson, elected G. H. P.
Companion W. P. Innes, of Grand Rapids, elected G. S.

MINNESOTA.

Annual Convocation June 25, 1874, at St. Paul; James N. Castle, Grand High Priest. He reports activity in the Order, and no irregularities. His address is short and concise. The following suggestion, however, is needed elsewhere:

"There is a growing tendency in the Masonic world to captious criticism and unprofitable disputation. This should never be tolerated. Too much law is a bane to any society—an absolute curse to an institution such as ours. Wrangling over questions of a merely technical character, besides being wholly unprofitable, is necessarily subversive of that harmony that should ever reign in our councils, and without which our institution, ancient, memorable and beneficent as it is, will in the end result in an inglorious failure. * *

* * In the ordinary duties of Masonic Bodies, few questions arise that can not readily be determined by a careful examination of the Constitution, By-Laws, and decisions of our own jurisdiction. The practice of permitting the application of technical rules to the exclusion of substantial justice can not be too strongly condemned."

The following protest was entered prior to installation, which action seems to be in strange contrast with the suggestion above quoted:

PROTEST:

To the M. E. G. R. A. C. of Minnesota:

The undersigned, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, believing that it is a well established law of Masonry that an elective officer must be a member of the Body in which he is elected to office, respectfully presents to

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this Body his objection to the installation of Companion W. S. Coombs, as Deputy Grand High Priest, for the reasons—

1. He has never been constitutionally a member of this Body; and,

2. He has never been either High Priest, King or Scribe of a Subordinate Chapter.

The undersigned disclaims all personal feeling in the matter, but puts his objection solely upon what he believes to be the establishing of a precedent fraught with danger to Royal Arch Masonry; and, further, gives notice that the subject matter shall be presented to the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

Fraternally,

A. T. C. PIERSON, P. H. P.

The Grand High Priest, however, overruled it, and seems to have been sustained by the Grand Body, as he proceeded to install Companion Coombs.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion A. T. C. Pierson, an old hand and a writer of ability. He appears to like contention, judging from the tenor of many of his criticisms. In reference to Companion Hacker's address on the Order of High Priesthood, he thinks that—

"Webb, in none of his publications, gave evidence of sufficient imagination to be the author of either the 'Order of High Priesthood,' or 'Most Excellent Master's Degree;' each is the production of a wiser head than his, although we think that the arrangement of the latter Degree is not one of which a party should be particularly proud."

He agrees with your humble servant in this:

"Why the task of preparing a Report on Foreign Correspondence is imposed on the Grand High Priest, is beyond our comprehension.

"Again, what are the duties of the Foreign Correspondence Committee in Indiana?"

I enjoyed the reading of his report. It is positive—no misunderstanding his language, and he is undoubtedly a host in himself.

Companion Silas R. Merrill, of Lake City, elected G. H. P.

Companion E. D. B. Porter, of St. Paul, re-elected G. S.

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MISSOURI.

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, October 8, 1874.

Companion Xenophon Ryland, G. H. P., in his address, announces the death of P. G. H. P. James W. S. Mitchell, and P. G. H. P. John D. Daggett.

The following decisions were sustained by his Grand Chapter:

"1. A Companion need not serve as King or Scribe, to be eligible as High Priest.

"2. That an objection to advancement must be made in open Chapter by the objector, if present, or by some Companion authorized to act for him, and in his name, if absent. The fact of objection, with the name of the objector, must be duly recorded in the minutes, to be valid. The objection may be made verbally or in writing, but the objector can not be compelled to give his reasons therefor. * * * * * * And that unless he, after due notice, made his objection a matter of record in accordance therewith, his objection should be treated as a nullity and the candidate allowed to proceed. If properly made, the objection to remain in force so long as the objector refuses to withdraw it and remains a member of the Chapter."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion Geo. Frank Gouley. He seems to have abandoned the condensed style, and is more like himself. He, however, goes it blind for the General Grand Chapter, to-wit:

"We rather think that our old Grandmother will find that her days are numbered at Nashville, since she refuses to draw her Representative rations from the Grand Encampment; however, old folks generally go off on their ear when they enter second childhood. * * * * * *

"If the General Grand Chapter can not get enough delegates together to do work, without hanging on the coat-tail of the Grand Encampment, it had better shut up shop and leave Royal Arch Masonry to the better care of the State Bodies themselves."

We earnestly hope, Frank, that your eyesight will be so far recovered as to enable you to find the way to Buffalo in '77.

Rufus E. Anderson, of Palmyra, was elected G. H. P.

Geo. Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, was re-elected G. S.

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NEBRASKA, for 1873 and 1875.

Met at Omaha, November 11, 1873, Companion R. R. Livingston, Grand High Priest.

The proceedings of both years come together in a well bound and finely printed pamphlet.

The following was adopted in 1873:

"*Resolved*, That no one shall be elected M. E. High Priest of any Subordinate Chapter, who has not served one term as either Excellent King or Excellent Scribe.

"*Resolved*, That no applicant for the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry shall be eligible, who is not a member in good standing of some Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons."

Annual Convocation was held at Lincoln, January 5, 1875.

The Grand High Priest, Robert W. Furnass, was not present, but sent in his address, confined strictly to local matters and official duties.

No decision that the Constitution did not settle.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Nothing of general interest.

Companion Charles F. Goodman, of Omaha, was elected Grand High Priest.

Companion William R. Bowen, of Omaha, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The Seventy-Eighth Annual Convocation was held at Albany, February 2, 1875.

Companion Thomas J. Cassidey, Grand High Priest.

His address is a model of chaste, impressive language. His official action is clearly defined, and space alone forbids lengthy extracts.

The following decisions were approved by the Grand Chapter

"The Grand High Priest decided, in response to a question on the subject, that the employment of mnemonics, ciphers, or any other than the

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method recognized among Masons as legitimate, for the purpose of teaching the work and lectures, was prohibited; and that any Companion using or having them in his possession, was liable to charges and punishment.

THE RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF A CHAPTER.

"That no member of a Chapter, who is in good standing, can be prevented from attending its Convocations on the objection of another member, unless for some overt act committed in the presence of the Body, for which the High Priest may deem it proper to exclude him temporarily. The rights of all members are parallel, and no one can be deprived of them without trial, except in the case above mentioned."

NINE COMPANIONS MUST BE PRESENT.

"That nine Royal Arch Masons are required to open a Chapter, and consequently nine must continue to be present in order legally to transact business. But it is not necessary that the nine should all be members of the Chapter in session. Its delinquent members having no right to find fault with the business transacted during their absence."

After alluding to the prevalence of *experimental* legislation, he continues his address as follows:

"But the greatest present danger is the *popularity* of our institution. When the enemy was at the gate our sentinels were ever watchful and guarded. There is no open enemy now; let us see to it that our guards are still set and vigilant, and our camp-fires brightly burning, lest unawares, treachery under the garb of friendship enters our sacred precincts and works confusion among us. Let every Companion feel and act as though the safety and honor of Royal Arch Masonry depended upon his action, and that he alone is responsible for any disaster. Then will our Chapters be securely guarded, and good men and true alone will be found within our citadel."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion D. A. Ogden. I could fill my limited space from its one hundred pages with instructive selections. Only once does he forget himself, and that is in allusion to the criticism of my predecessor upon the New York action in the Iowa matter. Companion Thomas is not an "irate grumbler," nor given to "snarling complaints." He is an honest, earnest, plain-spoken man; and even if he was mistaken as to the result, it would hardly justify the closing remarks upon Indiana.

Companion Joseph B. Chaffee, of Binghampton, was elected Grand High Priest.

Companion C. G. Fox, of Buffalo, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Convocation met at Concord, May 19, 1874.

Companion Edward Gustine, G. H. P.

His address clearly shows a happy condition of the Craft in the old Granite State. No decisions to make—no complaints; all peace and harmony. He reports the death of Companion John Prentiss, aged 95 years, made a Mason in 1806, and bears the following testimony to his character:

"He practiced the tenets of Masonry as he taught them. Temperate in all things, bearing the vicissitudes of life with fortitude, prudent in the management of his business, seeking justice for all, a strong friend of education, and a fearless champion of every good cause. Honored and respected in life, in death lamented."

Companion William Bartlett, of Nashua, elected G. H. P.

Companion J. A. Harris, of Concord, re-elected G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

The Eighteenth Annual Convocation was held at Trenton, September 9, 1874. Companion William H. McIlhanney, Grand High Priest.

His address is full and explicit; nothing of general interest other than the show of harmony among the Craft. One case of grievance, which was amicably settled by the judicious course of the Grand High Priest.

Companion Thomas J. Corson (whose life-like portrait gives *tone* to the volume) furnishes his usual quota of spiced correspondence. I will give you a few quotations of his original matter:

"A man who does not read the Reports on Correspondence must remain almost as ignorant of Masonry as the citizen who does not read the newspapers must be of the history of current events of the day.

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"We were not aware of the existence of any sect or society which holds such very accommodating and comforting doctrines. We are not prepared to assert that one is absolutely and literally without a soul, but our observation as well as knowledge, obtained by 'lawful information,' leads us to believe that there are a good many, a few of whom may have entered the portals of our

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Mystic Temple, who would be vastly benefitted by having another soul given to them, provided that in receiving the new soul they shall be compelled to part with the old one. Couldn't this new-light society, by some means or other, be prevailed upon to have this change of souls—or this re-souling process—effected a little *before* the resurrection? If so, we will send on the names of a few candidates to be metempsychosized.

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"He quotes from the report of Companion Dadmun, of Massachusetts, who says of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia: 'We shall pat this young *Virgin*-ia kindly, and win her if we can.' To which Wiggin says: 'We concur.' And we say to both of these old sinners: No, you wait. We don't want any Massachusetts minister to 'pat' any 'Virgin' in whom we feel an interest; and as for the California reprobate, we'll keep an eye on him. We want no Beecher-Tilton cases in our ranks. Hands off, old fellows; we'll take care of this modest demoiselle!

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"Thank God! the Grand Chapter of our little State allows no such injustice to be practiced upon elected candidates as they have to suffer in some other jurisdictions. Here, at least, we hold a Masonic promise to be sacred and inviolable, be it made to whom it may. And if any tender-footed Brother or Companion desires to prevent the progress of a candidate who has been duly elected, he must state and *prove* that there is good and sufficient cause why he should be stayed, otherwise the candidate will be advanced to full membership; and if the sensitive soul of the objector is shocked by the presence of the new comer, he can either sit in the corner and suck his thumb until 'pouty gets off of his back,' or else he can 'get up and get.' Strict justice to all is the rule which governs us, and we have found it to work well.

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"We feel more regret than we can express, in parting company with Companion Taylor, for our intercourse has been most pleasant. We have never met face to face, but we loved him. We loved him for his evident earnestness and honesty, as well as for his wit and humor, for like Yorick, he is 'a fellow of infinite jest.' We loved him for his frankness and sincerity—for his warm heart—his active brain—his pleasant smile and hearty laugh, which shone through his cheerful words; for as we read the cold, inanimate letters, we saw beneath them the true, warm-hearted friend, the zealous Mason, the affectionate father, the loving brother. May God bless him and his, and shield them from all harm.

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"If I have ever written a word that has caused pain—if my love of fun and my natural tendency to indulge in joking has wounded a single heart, I pray God to forgive me. Life is too short and the end too near for any of us to do or say aught that would inflict pain."

Companion John Woolverton, of Trenton, elected G. H. P.
Companion Thomas J. Corson, of Trenton, re-elected G. S.

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NOVA SCOTIA.

Annual Convocation held at Halifax, Jûne 2, 1874.

Companion S. R. Sircom, G. H. P.

This Grand Chapter is now recognized by a large majority of our State organizations. Their "zeal bespeaks their merit."

The Grand High Priest visited all his Chapters the past year, and gave them good and wholesome instruction; instructing Secretaries as to the proper manner of keeping records; convening Chapters for instruction.

"See that every Mark Master chooses and records his mark; this seems to be sadly neglected; it is the duty of the High Priest to see it strictly enforced. The allowal of six months appears to me to be altogether out of the way; it would be better to stop the advancement of a Mark Master until he complied with this requirement. In the old records of the proceedings of the Mark Lodge, in 1785, published in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter in 1871, you will find at the advancement of a brother, he then and there selected his Mark; in short, the choosing and recording a Brother's Mark is a fundamental principle of the Mark degree."

He believes in meeting together, occasionally, in a social way; and, in fact, is doing honest work in building up the Royal Craft in his jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion James Gossip.

Selections few and well chosen.

The comments show the proper Masonic spirit. Indiana, however, not on his list.

Companion Stephen R. Sircom, of Halifax, re-elected G. H. P.

Companion James Gossip, of Halifax, re-elected G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Annual Convocation held at Wilmington, June 1, 1874.

Companion H. H. Munson, G. H. P., after reciting his official action, takes this position:

"I desire to call your attention to the representative system as at present conducted. If the object be to confer an empty honor upon a Companion

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Royal Arch Mason, residing in another jurisdiction, the end is gained by such an appointment; but if a mutual benefit is desired, the result is practically a failure. I would, therefore, recommend that the appointment of Companions residing in other jurisdictions, as the representatives of this Grand Chapter in their several Grand Bodies, be discontinued."

The Grand Chapter thereupon

"*Resolved*, That the appointment of Companions residing within other jurisdictions, as representatives of this Grand Chapter, in their several Grand Bodies, be discontinued."

Companion Munson, in closing, seems despondent. He should remember that "it is always the darkest just before day."

"Companions: I regret, in closing, my inability to bring you 'glad tidings of great joy.' I fondly hoped for a thorough revival of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction during the Masonic year now gone. In a few, a very few Chapters, increased zeal is manifest, but in the majority, lukewarmness exists. We are prone to find excuses for the non-performance of duty, when our interest has abated, or the force of binding obligations become lessened."

The Grand Chapter adopted the following:

"That as to the subject of the propriety of using substitutes, we are of opinion that the practice being recognized by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and in practice it sometimes becomes indispensable, except at long and inconvenient delay, it should be approved by this Grand Chapter."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion James Southgate.

He favors the visiting of Chapters by the Grand Officers.

Thus endorses Carruth, of Florida, and Thomas, of Indiana:

"We teach our votaries, to exercise Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, and when we endeavor to practice what we preach, Companions say, you can't interfere with a Mason's legitimate business. There is the error. It is not legitimate to take our brother's life by handing him day after day the poisonous cup. Is it just to suspend a brother, or perhaps expel him, after he becomes a drunkard by the *legitimate* (?) business of the rum-seller? And oh, how doubly criminal is it for us to allow that very rum-seller to sit in judgment over the fallen brother and *vote* on his case? Go on in the good work, Companion Carruth, say we, and no matter how 'spirited' your opponents become, you have the right side of the question, and armed with Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, you can put ten thousand to flight."

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Approves the following action of Maine:

"No candidate shall be advanced to the Royal Arch Degree until he shall have selected a Mark and presented it to the Secretary for record."

Does not believe that the Grand Body is competent to confer degrees; and appears to be generally in the right.

Companion H. H. Munson, of Wilmington, re-elected G. H. P.

Companion Thomas M. Gardner, of Wilmington, re-elected G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Annual Convocation June 7, 1875, at Raleigh.

Companion H. H. Munson, G. H. P., in his address, speaks more encouragingly of the condition of the Craft. Hear him:

"I must congratulate you upon the prospects for the future growth and prosperity of Capitular Masonry throughout the State. The past year has, in a measure, been a prosperous one, the harmony of our Chapters has been undisturbed, the opening up of one new, the reviving of three decaying ones, and the increased interest manifest in all, encourage us to look forward to still greater results in the future."

The following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the standing of a Royal Arch Mason, in a Royal Arch Chapter, is not affected by any action of a Blue Lodge, except in case of expulsion or suspension."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion James Southgate. He takes issue with their action last year, and favors the Representative system. He criticises Indiana mildly, and speaks well of Companion Thomas' report on Correspondence. He does not believe that Masons should be expelled for non-payment of dues.

Companion Thomas W. Dewey, of Charlotte, elected Grand High Priest.

Companion Donald W. Bain, of Raleigh, elected Grand Secretary.

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OHIO.

The Fifty-Eighth Annual Convocation was held at Dayton, September 9, 1874.

Companion J. Kelly O'Neall, Grand High Priest, in a practical address, gave an account of his official action.

He announced the death of Companion C. F. Hanselmann, "a man respected and loved by all who knew him."

The following is so applicable in certain quarters of our own jurisdiction that I trust its lesson will not go unheeded:

"After the work of the evening had been finished, I was requested to address the Chapter, and did so on the lessons taught by the degree, the means of impressing them upon the mind of the candidate, and upon the evils likely to result from the exaggerated representation of the rugged road of life, too often indulged in by young and zealous Companions, and which tend more to divert the mind of the candidate from the great truth in pursuit of which he is engaged, than to illustrate any of the moral or historic truths of the degree."

The following decisions, in which he was sustained by his Grand Chapter, are of interest:

"A Chapter having conferred the Mark Degree upon a candidate, who subsequently removes into the territorial jurisdiction of another Chapter, to which jurisdiction is surrendered, and by which the candidate, on his application for the P. M. Degree, is rejected, can not legally receive the petition of such rejected candidate and confer upon him the remaining degrees, without 'the unanimous consent of the rejecting Chapter, given at a stated meeting thereof.' Rule xxv."

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"A Companion dimitted from No. 1, and became a member of No. 108, from which he dimitted in 1869, and shortly thereafter, as he alleges, placed his dimit, with a petition for membership in No. 1, in the hands of the Secretary, or some member of that Chapter, and from that time attended the meetings of said Chapter, voted, acted, and paid dues as a member thereof, and at the election in 1872, was elected and installed High Priest, without objection, and assumed the duties of the office. Subsequently it is ascertained that the records of the Chapter do not show that he had petitioned for, or been re-admitted to membership.

"*Held.*—That having been elected High Priest, and installed into office without objection, he must be considered a member of the Chapter and legally qualified to hold the office of High Priest."

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The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion S. M. Sullivan, and contains careful selections and short comments, sufficient to give his jurisdiction a knowledge of all matters of interest, and a happy medium between the scholarly readable *essays* of some, and the *condensed* of Gouley.

Companion J. Kelly O'Neall, of Lebanon, was re-elected Grand High Priest.

Companion James Nesbitt, of Troy, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Annual Grand Convocation was held at Philadelphia, December 28, 1874.

Companion Andrew Robeno, Jr., Grand High Priest, in his address, thus gives the condition of the Order:

"Ninety-seven Chapters and three Mark Lodges, in all one hundred, are the number of Bodies in this jurisdiction, with a membership of ten thousand, over which the Grand Chapter exercises her authority. During the year very little has transpired to call for any special remarks. I have not been called upon for any decisions, and consequently have made none. Peaceful and harmonious are the influences pervading the entire jurisdiction, and with but one or two exceptions, the Chapters are in a strong, healthy and prosperous state."

He announces the death of three Grand High Priests—Samuel H. Perkins, John C. Smith, and John M. Read.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion William J. Kelly, which is readable throughout its one hundred and twenty-one pages. In declining the position in future, he says:

"We deprecate also the changing of reporters; we think the proper way is to elect some Companion with the ability necessary to prepare the reports, the time to spare to devote to it, and the disposition to feel honored by the privilege, and then hold on to him, hoping that he won't resign and may never die. Get such a man, and we should be envied indeed."

Indiana was kindly mentioned, and Companion Hacker's address on High Priesthood was again copied in full.

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Companion Andrew Robeno, Jr., of Philadelphia, was re-elected Grand High Priest.

Companion John Thompson, of Philadelphia, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Charleston, February 9, 1875.

Companion Augustine T. Smythe, G. H. P., being *requested*, delivered an able address. He announces the death of Companions Robert S. Brune, B. Rush Campbell and Andrew Ramsey. He congratulates the Craft upon the prosperous condition of the Order. Issues his mandate, and caused all the works in cipher to be sent to him; advises against their use as follows:

"To my own mind, the subject admits of little question and no doubt. Starting out with the proposition that no system of hieroglyphics has ever been, or can be, devised by man, which can not also be unravelled by man, I am brought face to face with the solemn obligations of the O. B., which we all remember, and around which I can see no road of escape. If it be answered that such a system can be devised as would be practically, and to all intents and purposes, safe, because so contrived as to render the labor of deciphering too great for the result to be obtained, I reply, that the principle is there still the same; but that even granting the truth of the answer, the end desired fails of being accomplished, because the very difficulty makes it almost, if not entirely, useless to those whom it was intended to benefit."

The following is among his decisions:

"A simple objection to a candidate who has been duly ballotted for and elected, is not sufficient of itself to stop his advancement, unless the Companion so objecting shall state his reasons therefor, which shall be then passed upon and deemed sufficient by the Chapter."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion J. E. Burke. He reports the decision of our former Grand High Priest "that an objection stands good until withdrawn," but overlooked the fact that the Grand Chapter did not sustain it, adopting in lieu "that it was simply a negative ballot." His report is "*solid matter.*"

Companion Augustine T. Smythe, of Charleston, re-elected G. H. P.

Companion Myer B. Moses, of Sumter, re-elected G. S.

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RHODE ISLAND—For 1872, 1873 and 1874.

A Special Convocation was held October 11, 1871, for the purpose of constituting Landmark Chapter, and an eloquent Masonic address was given by Companion Sidney Dean.

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Convocation was held at Providence, on March 12, 1872. Companion Thomas A. Doyle, G. H. P., presiding. The principal business being a report on Ritual.

The Seventy-Fifth Annual Convocation was held March 11, 1873. Companion Henry C. Field, G. H. P., presiding. Address not published, and no business of general interest.

The Seventy-Sixth Annual Convocation was held March 10, 1874. Companion F. C. Jillson, G. H. P., presiding.

Matters purely local, but showing a harmonious and healthy condition of affairs. A splendid copy of proceedings, embellished with fine steel portraits of Thomas Smith Webb and Thomas A. Doyle; good paper and excellent type.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion George H. Burnham. He says that want of time prevented a more extended report. The only answer we can give is to put Companion Corson's criticism right here:

"To the Grand Secretary of the latter State, (whose reports on Correspondence, many years ago, made us look upon him as a youth of great promise, and a somewhat intimate personal acquaintance with him of late years, has confirmed that view; in fact, we fear that he is a man of rather more *promise* than *performance*), we kept writing, until the matter of postage became a serious consideration, and, at last, we went to see him. If we had received one tithe of the information which he agreed to send us, we could have told you all about the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island. But alas! we might 'burst in ignorance' for all the light we receive from that "silent land." Let this gushing Grand Secretary brush the dust from his family Bible and read the sad fate which befell the Hon. Mr. Ananias and his charming spouse, Sapphira, and let their example teach him to shun the way that leads to that warm climate where they send naughty folks and *burn 'em.*"

Companion Francello G. Jillson, re-elected G. H. P.

Companion George H. Burnham, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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TENNESSEE.

The Annual Convocation was held November 4, 1874. Companion Joseph M. Anderson, G. H. P., gives the usual address devoted to local matters and official action.

The following was adopted:

"That in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe, the highest officer present shall preside, unless through courtesy or for other reasons, he should decline in favor of a Past High Priest.

"If none of the officers be present, the oldest Past High Priest present shall take the East; and if no Past High Priest be present, then the members according to seniority, shall fill the same, and shall have all the rights of a regularly installed High Priest to fill vacancies."

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"On motion of Companion E. Edmunson, it was determined, as the sense of this Grand Chapter, that when a Royal Arch Mason is expelled, or indefinitely suspended by a Subordinate Lodge, and afterward restored by that Lodge, he is thereby restored to membership in the Chapter to which he formerly belonged."

Companion Wilbur F. Foster, of Nashville, elected G. H. P.

Companion John Frizzell, of Nashville, re-elected G. S.

VERMONT.

The Annual Convocation was held at Burlington, June 12, 1874. Companion John W. Clark, G. H. P., in his address, alludes to the selection of a Mark, as follows:

"I am constrained to speak of a too common disregard of the Ritual, in the neglect to make choice and record of a Mark. This neglect tends to weaken our sight of the solemn obligations which are upon us. 'And he said, I go, sir, and went not.'"

He makes the following decisions, which were confirmed:

"My decision was that membership follows the conferring of the degrees, and that any by-law conflicting therewith was unconstitutional and void.

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"Striking the name of a member from the roll, without proper trial and conviction of the offense, is inadmissible."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion J. M. Poland. He takes the ground that "suspension in the Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues, does not work suspension in

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the Chapter," unless based upon regular charges, and after a due trial. He does not go into ecstacies over the Massachusetts Royal Arch Burial Service, but seems to prefer the Master Mason's service. A kindly report, and will be read by all into whose hands it may come.

Companion John W. Clark, of Montpelier, elected G. H. P.

Companion W. H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, elected G. S.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Convocation met at Richmond, December 17, 1874.

Companion B. M. Harris, Grand High Priest, announced the death of Past Grand High Priest John P. Little, and in a very short address thus states the whole subject:

"It should be a subject of congratulation, that such perfect peace and harmony have pervaded this entire jurisdiction; for no question of sufficient importance to bring to your attention has been submitted to me."

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"This apparent lack of interest and energy may, to some extent, be attributable to the difficulty experienced by Masons living in the country and in the smaller towns, in obtaining the degrees and the instructions necessary to the formation of new Chapters. To obviate this difficulty, I recommend the appointment of District Deputy Grand Lecturers, under such proper regulations and instructions as the Grand Chapter may deem judicious to adopt."

Which suggestion the Grand Chapter adopted. Also passed the following:

"*Resolved*, That it is expedient to change the general regulation passed in 1859, to wit: 'Resolved, That every Companion who is a member of a Royal Arch Chapter shall not, and ought not to be excluded from his membership in the Chapter simply because he is not an affiliated Mason.'"

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion William B. Isaacs. He thus comments on the Rule "requiring an 'objection' to be submitted to the Council to determine as to its sufficiency:"

"It appears to us that when one becomes affiliated in a Chapter he has, with that affiliation, certain inherent and inalienable rights and prerogatives. He also assumes certain unavoidable responsibilities; among them the ballot. It is true a ballot may be taken in his absence, or developments made after he

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has cast his ballot. In either case he ought not to be permitted to shirk his responsibilities, but then and there make known his objection, and the Chapter, not the Council, decide on its merits. We commend this to your earnest consideration."

The following suggests thought and action:

"There is a 'screw loose' somewhere. There is scarcely a proceeding, so far, which has passed under review, that reference has not been made to dispensations for the 'election' or 'installation' of officers 'out of time.' At first we thought of it as only a 'dire necessity,' such it should be, if at all. But there has been such an accumulation of such 'necessity' as to become alarming, and leads us to 'suggest' '*discipline*' as a substitute for 'dispensation.'"

Companion Isaacs is one of the Most Ancient Scribes, and judging from his reports, a member in good standing.

Companion B. M. Harris was re-elected Grand High Priest.

Companion John Dove was re-elected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Annual Convocation held at Milwaukee, February 16, 1875.

Companion J. H. Evans, Grand High Priest, in his address, pays a tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Erastus Lewis, Companion Joseph Kryes and Companion Emmons Taylor, whose deaths he announced.

These decisions were confirmed by the Grand Chapter:

"Decided:—That the loss of an eye does not prevent a full compliance with all the requirements of Masonry, hence should not bar a Master Mason from receiving the Capitular Degrees.

"2. A former member of Lodge and Chapter in this State, removed to another jurisdiction where he affiliated with both Lodge and Chapter; in course of time he returned to Wisconsin, presented his dimit, and petitioned for membership in his first Lodge, was balloted for and rejected. Has he a right under these circumstances to visit a Chapter?

"Decided:—That the Companion being presumptively in good standing, and having complied with the constitution so far as he could, should not be barred the right to visit a Chapter on the ground of his being a non-affiliate Blue Lodge Mason.

"3. Does the right to appoint proxies for representatives to the Grand Chapter rest in the Chapter or the Grand Council?

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"Decided:—That the Constitution of the Grand Chapter provides that 'every Subordinate Chapter shall be represented by its High Priest, King and Scribe, or their proxies;' that by virtue of the election and installation of these officers, the power of the Chapter for representation was delegated, and that an election of proxies by the Chapter was void, unless it was held at the express request of some one or more members of the Grand Council, who did not desire to take the responsibility of appointing proxies."

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion J. P. C. Cottrill, and is written like that of Iowa—one continuous comment, or criticism, no extracts; it is too good to pass by, and extremely difficult to cull from. He compliments us upon the improved style of our proceedings, and adds:

"The Grand High Priest presented an elaborate and valuable Report upon Foreign Correspondence, reviewing thirty-five volumes. There will be no complaint as to the fullness of these reports against Indiana hereafter, if the example of this one is followed."

Companions, you must be content with the following extracts:

"No better or more useful practice exists than that which prevails in some jurisdictions, and which ought to prevail everywhere, of having every Subordinate visited officially once at least each year by some one of the Grand Officers. It does not involve junketing or banqueting; but it does revive interest, stimulate exertion, incite ambition and increase Masonic zeal.

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"The introduction of mirth and levity in the Royal Arch ceremonies is sharply reprehended, reducing the sublime to the ridiculous, and exaltation to degradation, as here correctly stated. We have seen places where we would have liked to hear this lesson read, and heeded, too.

"Nobody has ever, so far as we know, claimed that restoration in the Lodge restores in the Chapter, where the Chapter has taken independent action and expelled. But the point is precisely this: The Chapter marks the Companion expelled on a record of expulsion in the Lodge; taking no other action, having neither charges, proofs or trial. The Lodge then restores. Does that, in this state of the facts, restore in the Chapter? We say to it, yes.

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"We said in 1873, that whenever we were in Companion Dadmun's town, on a Sunday, we would go and hear him preach. He answers with this splendid invitation: 'Come, Companion Cottrill, and we will preach from this text—'*and there shall be no night there.*' We shall take great pleasure some time, we hope, in accepting. Of course the preacher should select his text; but we being the audience, may suggest the hymn, and so in harmony with the text, let it be, 'We won't go home till morning.'

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"It costs money to keep up and furnish our Chapters, warm them, light them, and pay the rent—and always must there be funds for charity. This expense should be ratably borne. If a Companion will not aid to relieve the common and necessary burden, cut him off; our Grand Lodge rule covers it all; we give him notice; if he don't pay, exclude him and leave him unaffiliated. If he won't pay, then after a year deprive him of his Masonic privileges. This applies to those who ought but will not contribute. If the Companion is unable to pay, then let his Chapter relieve him, as they would relieve any other case of needed charity. If there is a Chapter in existence that would deprive a needy Companion of Masonic rights for non-payment of dues that he is unable to pay—take that Chapter's charter away until its members learn the great and first lesson of Masonry—charity."

Companion Jonathan H. Evans, of Platteville, was re-elected G. H. P.

Companion John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, was re-elected G. S.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, 1874.

Twenty-four Grand Chapters and four Subordinate Chapters were represented. The Grand Chapters of Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island and Texas were not represented.

The General Grand High Priest announced that, in a matter referred to him at the last Triennial Convocation, he had decided that Chapters U. D. have no power of discipline, but he recommended that their power be enlarged; and in accordance with his recommendation, the following General Regulation was adopted:

"3. *Resolved, as a Regulation,* That the General Grand Chapter hereby vests in its Subordinates *Under Dispensation,* full power of discipline over their members, and the right to exercise all the powers of 'chartered' Chapters, save the election and installation of officers."

He submitted the proceedings in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Nevada, which were confirmed, and the new Grand Chapter recognized and enrolled.

In relation to the "Renewal of Allegiance by Grand Chapters," he says:

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"Immediately after the last Triennial Convocation I commenced efforts to induce the Grand Chapters, which had passed resolutions withdrawing their allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, to rescind those resolutions.

"I hold, without the shadow of a doubt, that all such resolutions are void, being in violation of the Constitution of this Body, which every Companion who voted for such resolutions had taken a solemn obligation to support and maintain. I hold, moreover, that every Past Grand High Priest of every Grand Chapter that was ever under the jurisdiction of this Body is still a member of it, whatever may be the attitude of his Grand Chapter toward us, and that every member of the Grand Council of such Grand Chapter is also a member of this Body, and has a right to exercise his privileges as such without being controlled by the views of his Companions. But, of course, no Companion desires to come into conflict with his Grand Chapter, and therefore such resolutions are practically as effective as if they were perfectly valid. I have, therefore, addressed myself directly to the Grand Chapters.

"I am happy to announce that the Grand Chapter of Kentucky has rescinded her resolutions of withdrawal, and has renewed her allegiance. Her Representatives are here with us, and I believe the warm welcome they have received has removed any lingering doubts they may have entertained as to the wisdom of their course.

"I have corresponded also with the Grand Chapters of Alabama, Georgia and Texas—the only others which have attempted to sever their relations with us.

"I have received no reply from Texas, and I do not find in the published proceedings any action upon the matter."

He states the action of the Grand Chapters of Alabama and Georgia, which had resulted in nothing definite.

Of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, he says:

"I am reminded that a Grand Chapter has been formed in West Virginia, and that doubts have been expressed whether Grand Chapters in allegiance to the General Grand Chapter can consistently recognize and establish fraternal relations with it. Were the question a new one, the decision undoubtedly would be that we could not recognize it. It was formed by Chapters chartered by the Grand Chapter of Virginia, in territory over which that Grand Chapter has claimed and exercised exclusive jurisdiction for more than sixty years, and the General Grand Chapter has acquiesced in that claim. Our Constitution expressly recognizes the propriety of having a Grand Chapter in each State; and to my mind it is too late now, after so long an acquiescence in the claim of Virginia, to deny the logical result of such action. I recommend that the Grand Chapter of West Virginia be fraternally invited to follow the example of Maryland and Florida, and unite with her sisters in common allegiance to this General Grand Chapter."

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In relation to this, the General Grand Chapter adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter, having been officially informed of the organization of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, does hereby recognize the same as a duly organized Grand Chapter, and most cordially and fraternally invites her to become a constituent member of this General Grand Chapter; and that the General Grand Secretary be directed to forward an attested copy of this resolution to the Grand High Priest of said Grand Chapter."

He gave an account of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and advised its recognition "as the Supreme Masonic Authority over the degree of Mark Master Masons in that jurisdiction." The committee to which the matter was referred, reported in favor of recognition, and the resolution was at first adopted, but was afterwards re-considered, and its further consideration postponed to the next convocation.

We give his decisions, which were confirmed by the General Grand Chapter:

"1. SUBSTITUTES.—The action of the General Grand Chapter in relation to substitutes is not mandatory, but permissive. A regulation of a Grand Chapter permitting their use, or one prohibiting their use, does not conflict with the resolution of the General Grand Chapter, and Subordinate Chapters are bound by such regulation.

"2. QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES.—The General Grand Constitution does not prescribe the qualification of candidates. By the landmarks they must be Master Masons, and therefore such Master Masons as are legally recognized as such by the other Master Masons of the particular jurisdiction. In other words, they must be Master Masons in good standing as such. The meaning of the term 'in good standing' is determined by the laws governing Blue Lodges in the particular jurisdiction. If, by these laws, an unaffiliated Mason is 'in good standing,' he is eligible as a candidate, in the absence of any regulation of the State Grand Chapter. But I find nothing in the General Grand Constitution preventing any Grand Chapter from requiring such further qualifications as its deems proper.

"3. EFFECT OF DISCIPLINE BY THE LODGE.—The Chapter must give to discipline by the Lodge the same effect that it has under the laws of the Grand Lodge, and the Chapter has no authority to inquire into the regularity of the proceedings of the Lodge, but they must be taken as valid until reversed by competent authority. The Chapter has no part or lot in making or fixing the standing of Master Masons; we take them as made by the Blue Lodge, and their standing as fixed by the Blue Lodge. The effect of a suspension of a

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member of a Chapter by his Lodge for non-payment of dues must be determined by the laws of his Grand Lodge. If the suspension (as in some States) is from membership only, his standing in the Chapter is not affected, in the absence of regulations by his Grand Chapter; but, if the suspension (as in other States) is from all his Masonic rights, he at once loses his standing as a Royal Arch Mason, whatever may be the regulations of his Grand Chapter.

"4. EFFECT OF REVERSAL OF ACTION OF LODGE BY THE GRAND LODGE. When the action of a Lodge, in cases of discipline, is reversed or annulled for any reason by competent authority, the party at once regains the same *status* that he had at the commencement of the proceedings, as fully and completely as if none had ever been had.

"5. EFFECT OF RESTORATION BY THE LODGE.—But when a Companion is restored to his Masonic rights by his Lodge, after a legal conviction by it, the settled law is, that he is restored to his rights as a Royal Arch Mason, except membership in his Chapter; though I confess I have never been able to see the propriety of this rule, nor of the exception if the rule is adopted.

"When a Lodge expels a member, he loses all his Masonic rights, as fully as if he had never been initiated; consequently he ceases to be a Royal Arch Mason. Now the Lodge may, by restoring him, make him again a Master Mason, as it previously made him a Master Mason, save that the *process* is different; but I cannot see what authority a Lodge has to make a Royal Arch Mason by *restoration*, any more than by the *original initiation*. But if it is held that the act of the Lodge restores him to all the rights of which the Lodge deprived him, why is membership in the Chapter excepted? The *Lodge* may refuse to restore him to membership in itself, because it may annex such limitations to the restoration as it sees fit; but the Lodge has no power to annex any limitations to the effect of his restoration in the Chapter.

"6. PAST MASTER'S DEGREE.—It is not proper for a Chapter to confer the Past Master Degree upon the Master elect of a symbolic Lodge, who has not received the Mark Degree. As I understand, the General Grand Chapter decided at its last Convocation that a Chapter can recognize no other Past Master's Degree than the one conferred by it, and no other person as eligible to receive it than a Mark Master Mason.

"7. QUALIFICATIONS OF GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.—The General Grand Constitution does not provide that a Grand High Priest must be a Past High Priest; but seems to leave it to Grand Chapters to fix the qualifications of their officers.

"8. WHO MAY OPEN A CHAPTER.—A Chapter cannot properly be opened by a Past High Priest in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe. Section 10 of Article I of our Constitution provides, that 'In all cases of the absence of an officer from any body of Masons, instituted or holden by virtue of this Constitution, the officer next in rank shall occupy his place, unless, through courtesy, or for other reasons, he should decline in favor of a Past

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High Priest.' The language of this provision embraces Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters, and in terms seems to authorize the Captain of the Host, or even the Master of the Third Vail, to open the Chapter in the absence of all his superior officers. I cannot believe that such was the intention; but that it was intended to apply only to the officers composing the Council; but if it has a wider meaning, it does not authorize a Past High Priest to open a Chapter, save under the direction of the highest officer present."

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted, making Past General Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and Past General Grand Kings and Scribes permanent members of the General Grand Chapter.

The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed and lie over under the rule:

"*Resolved*, That Section 3 of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution be stricken out.

"*Resolved*, That Section 1 of Article II, of the Constitution, be amended by adding thereto the following: 'Provided, also, that State Grand Chapters may admit to membership therein the Past High Priests of the Subordinate Chapters in their respective jurisdictions, so long as they may continue members of such Chapters.'

"*Resolved*, That Section 3 of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution be amended, by adding thereto the following: 'Provided, however, that the amendment so proposed may be modified in any manner by the General Grand Chapter while the same is before it for consideration. No modification, however, shall be made not germain to the matter contained in the original proposed amendment.'

"*Resolved*, That Section 3 of Article I, of the Constitution, be amended, by adding thereto the following: 'And provided further, that all proxies referred to in this section shall be held only by members of the Bodies they severally represent.'

"*Resolved*, That Section 3 of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution be amended, by inserting after the words 'General Grand Chapter,' the words 'referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and reported upon by them, so that when amended the said action will read as follows:

"Sec. 3. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be proposed in writing at one regular Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and reported upon by them, published in the minutes of the proceedings, and at the next regular Convocation receive the approval of two-thirds of the members present."

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The following resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the action taken by the General Grand Chapter, in 1871, in regard to the Ritual of the Royal Arch Degree (as printed on page 42 of the proceedings of that year), be, and the same is, hereby rescinded, and representatives are hereby instructed to communicate this action to their Grand Chapters at their next Annual Convocation."

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"Doubts having arisen in reference to the question as to the right of any Chapter to confer the Capitular Degrees upon a candidate previously rejected by any other Chapter, it is declared by this General Grand Chapter, as the true law upon such subject, that no Chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer the Capitular Degrees on any candidate previously regularly rejected by any other Chapter, without first procuring the consent of such rejecting Chapter, provided that such Chapter be in existence."

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"WHEREAS, The Compendium, embracing the published Proceedings of this Grand Body from 1798 to 1853 inclusive, and the edition of the printed Proceedings of the Triennial Convocation held in 1856, are nearly exhausted, and it being desirable that the same be reprinted; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the General Grand Secretary be directed to cause the complete Proceedings of this Grand Body, from 1798 to 1856 inclusive, to be copied and stereotyped, and one thousand copies thereof printed and bound under the advice and supervision of the General Grand High Priest, and distributed as follows: Five copies to each State Grand Chapter; one copy to each permanent member of the General Grand Chapter, who shall apply for the same; one copy to each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; and one copy to the several important public libraries, and that copies be sold at their actual cost to such parties as may apply to purchase them.

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"*Resolved*, That the General Grand Secretary be directed to place in the published proceedings of this Triennial Convocation, a portrait of M. E. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND; and, in the re-printed proceedings, if published as contemplated by this Grand Body, the portraits of such Past General Grand Officers as may be furnished free of charge to the General Grand Chapter."

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"*Resolved*, That inasmuch as the 26th day of November has been set apart by the President of the United States as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer, this General Grand Chapter will attend Divine Service in a body at the time appointed for such service."

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"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to consider, and report to this General Grand Chapter at its next Triennial Convocation, what are the proper titles of the several officers known to the Capitular Degrees."

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"*Resolved*, That a committee of seven, of which M. E. Josiah H. Drummond shall be chairman, be appointed to revise the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and report at the next Triennial Convocation.

"*Resolved*, That when such revision is perfected by the committee, their report shall be distributed to members of the General Grand Chapter, and in advance of the next Triennial Convocation."

Charters were granted for two Chapters in Colorado, one in Montana, one in Utah, and one in Washington.

In relation to substitutes, the following was adopted by a vote of 56 to 26:

"Your committee can not, however, let the occasion pass without an expression of their opinion in reference to the subject of the second decision (substitutes); that, while the use of substitutes was practiced by all the old Chapters, and our fathers in Masonry walked in that way, we regret that a uniformity could not now be observed in this respect. And we disapprove of the legislation of State Grand Chapters forbidding their use, believing that the whole subject should be left to the several Chapters to use them or not, as demanded by the occasion."

The following resolution was adopted as a permanent regulation:

"*Resolved*, That the State Grand Chapters throughout the jurisdiction be requested to cause to be paid annually to the General Grand Secretary of this General Grand Chapter, the sum of one cent for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of their Subordinates at the date of their annual reports; the fund so created to be used to defray the necessary expenses of the General Grand Chapter. And the General Grand Secretary be, and hereby is instructed to pay to the General Grand Treasurer the amount so collected, and make report thereof at each Triennial Convocation."

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was recognized.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, I have endeavored, in the foregoing pages, to give you a faithful account of all matters of general interest in the various jurisdictions.

It has been, indeed, a pleasurable duty; and, although in my opinion unfitted for this kind of mental work, I have labored to make it profitable to you. I still adhere to the opinion expressed in my address last year, that it should not be the

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forced duty of your Grand High Priest; but a Companion should be selected fitted for the work, who can measure swords with Drummond, Dadmun, Corson, Parvin, Cottrill, Ogden, and a score of others, whose trenchent blades are ever as ready to protect and defend the right, as happy to assail error.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. FISH.

ADDENDA.

The following came to hand after my report was in print. I have no time to review them, but copy entire Companion Henderson's remarks on Companion Hazelrigg's report on "Physical Qualifications:"

KENTUCKY—1874.

"It is the individual opinion of the Chairman, that when a man has passed the symbolic degrees and becomes so unfortunate as to lose a limb, he is not, thereby, disqualified for the Captiular Degrees. If his character remains intact, it appears to us a mortifying cruelty to forbid his further search for Masonic light. Though the loss of a limb may unfit him to ascend the scaffold and work upon the walls of the temple, we see no reason why he may not work in the quarry and fashion such stones as may find fit place in the superstructure. Such loss does not operate to degrade him from his rank already obtained, and we do not think the Chapter should say to him, because you have been unfortunate, you can no further go.

1875.

"We recognize the *right* of each Grand Chapter to make its own constitutional regulation upon this subject, but we object to quoting the ancient landmarks and charges of Symbolic Masonry as authority to conclusively decide this question. A proposition and its proof must quadrate, is an axiom in

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logic. The question is not whether a maimed man is a proper candidate for *initiation*, but it is whether a maimed Master Mason is to be debarred, on that account, progress through the Chapter. Now, take the statement of Dr. Mackey that 'the essential character of the Royal Arch Degree is the true word;' that (following Oliver) 'until the year 1740, the essential element of the Royal Arch constitued a component part of the Master's Degree, and was, of course, its concluding portion;' that it was dissevered 'by the body which called itself the Grand Lodge of England,' etc., and the reasoning of the committee on this alleged history (the truthfulness of which we do not propose to challenge) to the effect that the qualifications to receive it should be the same as is necessary to the Master's Degree, and the discovery of the fallacy is made easily apparent. If it is a part in its 'essential character of the Master's Degree,' then, every Master Mason entitled to receive the other parts of that degree, at the time, is entitled to this part at any subsequent time at which he may apply for it, and the after-loss of a leg or arm can not operate to deprive him of that to which he had an original right. If it was not conferred *then*, is a misfortune to work—its privation? Had the candidate then been maimed, he would have been entitled to no part of the Master's Degree. If his soundness of body was such as to entitle him, *at that time*, to any part of the Master's Degree, he was then entitled to every part. If the *lost word* is an essential character of the Master's Degree and the foundation of the Royal Arch, are we to say to a candidate, who was entitled to it at the time of his raising, that because this part was relegated to some subsequent work, the intervention of a misfortune is to operate as a privation of a right which was acquired by the mere fact of election to the Master's Degree? If all this proves anything, it proves that a Master Mason, losing a limb, is not to be debarred further progress in Masonry; for he was entitled to the 'lost word,' as a concluding portion of that degree at the time it was conferred.

"It will be seen by reference to our review of the General Grand Chapter that this question is left by that body to each Grand Chapter.

"We see nothing in the statements, authorities, and reasoning of this Indiana committee to change the view that we have expressed, that a maimed Master Mason can received farther light in Masonry, notwithstanding his having become the victim of physical misfortune; but, on the other hand, much to strengthen us in the opinion, that if his mental and moral qualifications remain unimpared, it is his indefeasible right to have the 'lost word' (the ancient rite of conferring which, is the concluding portion of the Master's Degree) imparted to him.

"We will say that the Royal Arch Degree is a section, in 'its essential character' of the Master Mason's Degree. Then, if it is historically shown that by innovation, it is detached and made the crowning degree of a separate sys-

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tem, a person entitled to the other sections of the Master Degree is entitled to this, no matter how far it may be removed by reason of the construction of a new, or the enlargement of an old system.

"How absurd the statement that a Master Mason, losing his limb, before he has received the 'lost word,' is never to have it imparted to him if recovered! Suppose that it were now ritually restored and given, as in the Royal Arch, in an additional section to the ceremonial of the Master's Degree, and intervening the raising and the time for giving it, the candidate were to meet with an accident, by which he lost a leg or an arm, would anyone say, in such a case, that such misfortune was to work a privation of the concluding portion of that degree?

"It is not contended by either Mackey or Oliver that the Royal Arch was a degree of the ancient work, 'but the complement of one.' The attempt, therefore, to apply the landmark and charges to this separate, modern system, which is an acknowledged innovation, is founded on cob-web logic, and the whole flimsy plea shrivels into nothingness, when it is spread as a net in which to entangle common sense, the moment that athletic beetle spreads its wings and limbs to break the silken chains intended to bind it.

"Let us reduce the whole thing, as we have it before us, to syllogisms.

"I.

"No one can be made a Master Mason who is not sound of limb.

"He who is voted one part of the Master Mason's work is entitled to the whole.

"The essential character of the Royal Arch Degree is the *true word*.

"The essential element of the Royal Arch constituted a component part of the Master's Degree, and was, of course, its concluding portion; and, as a degree, it was not at all recognized, being but the complement of one.

"A Master Mason is, therefore, entitled to the Royal Arch.

"II.

"The concluding portion of the Master's Degree is the right of the candidate who has received the preceding parts.

"If it is not conferred at the time the other parts were received, the intervention of other time and incidents can not work the privation of the right to receive it; for, had it been at the proper time, and in the proper place, there could be no question as to the loss of a limb operating as a disability, for no such disability is supposed to have existed, for had it have existed, the parts of the Master's Degree conferred could not have been legally given. Then, though, after one has been raised, there should be disease or accident, result-

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ing in a loss of limb, it can not bar the Master Mason, partly made, of that which is necessary to invest him with all that anciently constituted the Master Mason's Degree.

"The *true word*—'the essential character of the Royal Arch Degree'—is a 'component part of the Master's Degree;' therefore, a Master Mason is fully entitled to receive it.

"It does not matter how many degrees intervene, for these are but the supplementary work of modern degree-mongers, and no part of Ancient Craft Masonry. No one will doubt but that a Master Mason, who since his raising had lost a leg, might be made the Master of a Lodge, and his elevation to this position would entitle him *opus operatum* to the Past Master's Degree, which, in the modern system, is one of the degrees of Chapter Masonry. If this after maiming could not prevent his attaining the Past Master's Degree, what kind of logic will justify the withholding of the Mark Master, etc.? And we have shown by flawless logic, that, tested by the touchstone of ancient Masonry, he is entitled to the Royal Arch Degree by the simple fact of his election to the Master Mason's Degree. All this false reasoning, and the cruel injustice justified by it proceeds from a fallacious premise—namely, that the ancient charges and landmarks apply to a system purely modern in its origin—an *innovation* which dismembered the Master's Degree in order to get a legend for the Royal Arch.

"Now, we have quoted the decision of the Grand Chapter of New York, in 1863, that 'a Master Mason who had lost his left arm after being a Master Mason, could not be made a Royal Arch Mason.' But, did this Grand Lodge of New York stop to reflect that had they made him a *full* Master Mason by recovering and imparting to him the *true word*, according to the ancient rite, he would not, *at that time*, have been minus that left arm? Because they did not do it in accord with the Ancient York Rite, but suffered the Athol Grand Lodge, so late as 1740 (according to Oliver) 'to dissever it from its original connection and elevate it to the position and invest it with the form of a distinct degree,' are they *now* to apply the landmarks and ancient charges to work a privation of a right which was clearly included in election to the Master's Degree?

"According to the ancient landmarks, and charges, and rite, a Master Mason was not fully made until he had received the *lost word*. Is it proposed to ignore this, and then make the Master Mason suffer under the operation of landmarks, ancient charges, etc.? It is, to our thinking, supremely inconsistent, ridiculously absurd, and cruelly unjust. New York, Virginia, Connecticut, Indiana, and all that have acted equally unwisely, had better undue their action.

"Take this Indiana resolution and suppose that H. G. Hazelrigg has lost

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a foot since he was made a Master Mason, and his brethren, having confidence in his skill and learning, have elected him as Master of his Lodge, is he to be deprived of his seat on the ground that he can not take the Past Master's Degree—for this is one 'of the degrees conferred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons?'

"We would require the Lodges to hold to a strict construction of the landmarks as to physical qualifications. But firm as we are in the opinion that the degrees of Captitular Masonry are simply the elaboration of information suggested by the three Symbolic Degrees—a completion of the theory that underlies Blue Masonry—information to which the Master Mason is rightfully entitled, we persistently contend that misfortune should not debar his receiving it. We are not quite sure but what a Master Mason should be entitled to the Chapter Degrees without ballot—if it, indeed, be true, as claimed by eminent Masonic authority, that the Royal Arch is but the completion of the Master's Degree. Can a man be a worthy Master Mason who is unfit for advancement?

"Now, we have written out our mind on this subject, and next year we expect to hear the music from the reporters of all the jurisdictions that have been indiscreet enough to pass such resolutions as Indiana, but,

'Let the singing singers
With vocal voices, most vociferous,
In sweet vociferation, out vociferize
Ev'n sound itself,'

we will remain unmoved."

Syllogisms for Companion Henderson's perusal:

1. No cat has two tails.
2. A cat has one more tail than no cat.
3. Therefore, a cat has three tails.

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GRAND CHAPTERS AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	CH'N COM. CORRESPONDENCE.
Alabama	Myles J. Greene, Loachapoka	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery	Palmer J. Pillans, Mobile.
Arkansas	Samuel W. Williams, Little Rock	Luke E. Barber, Little Rock	
California	William Thomas, Reynolds	Chas. L. Wiggin, San Francisco.	Chas. L. Wiggin, San Francisco.
Canada	James Seymour, St. Catharine's, Ontario	C. D. McDonnell, Peterboro	Henry Robertson, Collingwood.
Connecticut	Edmund Tweedy, Danbury	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford	Jno. N. Lewis, 20 Nassau St., N.Y.
Colorado	William N. Byers, Denver	Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown	
Delaware	Willis Holden, Wilmington	J. P. Allmond, Wilmington.	
District of Columbia	Noble D. Larner, Washington	L. G. Stevens, Washington	E. B. MacGrotty, Washington.
Florida	Henry W. Long, Cotton Plant	DeWitt C. Dawkins, Jacksonville	John S. Driggs, Jacksonville.
Georgia	Luther J. Glenn, Atlanta	J. E. Blackshear, Macon	
Illinois	Wm. A. J. Delancy, Centralia	James H. Miles, Chicago.	James H. Miles, Chicago.
Indiana	George H. Fish, Evansville	J. H. Bramwell, Indianapolis	Martin H. Rice, Indianapolis.
Iowa.	Robert F. Bower, Keokuk	W. B. Langridge, Muscatine	E. A. Gilbert, Dubuque.
Kansas	John M. Price, Atchison	Erasmus T. Carr, Leavenworth	Erasmus T. Carr, Leavenworth.
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Louisiana	Samuel J. Powell, St. Francisville	Jas. C. Batchelor, New Orleans	Wm. Ritchie Whitaker, N.Orl'ns.
Maine.	Henry L. Paine, Portland	Ira Berry, Portland	J. H. Drummond, Portland.
Maryland	James W. Bowers, Baltimore	William A. Wentz, Baltimore.	Hermon L Emmons, Jr., Baltim'e.
Massachusetts	John W. Dadmun, Winthrop	Z. H. Thomas, Jr., Boston	Alfred F. Chapman, Boston.
Michigan	John L. Mitchell, Jackson	Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids	Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids.
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North Carolina	H. H. Munson, Wilmington	Thos. M. Gardner, Wilmington	James Southgate, Hillsboro.
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Rhode Island	Frencello G. Jillison, Woonsocket	Geo. H. Burnham, Providence	Geo. H. Burnham, Providence.
South Carolina	A. T. Smythe, Charleston	Myer B. Moses, Sumter	Myer B. Moses, Sumter.
Tennessee	Wilbur F. Foster, Nashville	John Frizzell, Nashville	John Frizzle, Nashville.
Texas	W. K. McAlpin, Galveston	Robert Brewster, Houston	R. M. Elgin, Houston.
Vermont	John W. Clark, Montpelier	W. H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington.	J. M. Poland, Montpelier.
Virginia	B. M. Harris, Richmond	John Dove, Richmond	W. B. Isaacs, Richmond.
West Virginia	Thomas H. Logan, Wheeling.	Odell S. Long, Wheeling	Odell S. Long, Wheeling.
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GRAND CHAPTERS.	Number of Subordinates.	Number making Returns.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Susp'n for Non-paym'nt Dues.	Deaths.	Rejections.
Alabama	57	38	1,731	82	42	77	1	1	197	23	6
Arkansas	68	44	1,442	95	12	58	3	4	71	23	.....
California	44	44	2,475	263	37	74	11	.....	30	34	32
Canada	61	61	2,774	211	28	48	.....	.....	20	24	.....
Colorado	5	5	282	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut	33	33	3,962	216	3	65	.....	1	74	84	.....
Delaware	6	6	307	16	2	5	.....	3	.....	3	.....
Dist. of Columbia	8	8	1,099	102	9	15	2	.....	75	13	3
Florida	16	14	389	33	15	29	1	37	.....	8	.....
Georgia	64	55	2,211	121	21	53	3	61	.....	30	6
Illinois	160	145	9,739	762	128	355	22	206	.....	355	.....
Indiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa	75	73	3,587	470	48	147	1	26	30	23	.....
Kansas	26	25	912	69	20	39	2	1	32	7	10
Kentucky	105	93	3,858	272	54	144	10	110	.....	57	29
Louisiana	25	25	1,618	96	27	23	1	2	32	43	2
Maine	38	38	3,922	294	13	60	1	.....	33	46	26
Maryland	13	13	1,291	99	8	29	6	26	.....	11	.....
Massachusetts	65	65	8,585	670	.....	155	.....	6	35	90	.....
Michigan	91	91	7,327	584	90	161	6	91	.....	51	.....
Minnesota	30	30	1,471	201	15	28	1	5	20	6	.....
Mississippi	80	77	2,462	182	101	133	4	7	235	54	.....
Missouri	84	76	4,014	412	90	125	3	31	.....	70	41
Nebraska	11	11	569	70	54	22	1	7	.....	4	.....
New Hampshire	18	18	2,023	119	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey	33	33	2,833	297	11	57	1	47	.....	31	.....
New York	192	192	18,730	1,428	235	336	7	2	743	176	161
North Carolina	20	14	640	34	21	7	4	4	.....	7	2
Nova Scotia	6	6	250	44	6	11	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Ohio	132	132	8,298	603	209	210	1	17	225	73	.....
Oregon	9	9	264	57	3	8	1	.....	1	2	.....
Pennsylvania	97	97	10,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rhode Island	10	10	1,609	74	2	3	2	.....	.....	10	3
South Carolina	30	30	938	143	16	18	5	.....	39	29	.....
Tennessee	96	95	4,010	207	44	173	5	27	.....	58	.....
Texas	107	97	3,958	275	166	213	10	169	.....	74	.....
Vermont	25	24	1,752	112	3	39	.....	6	.....	24	.....
Virginia	37	31	1,627	106	16	42	5	47	.....	16	.....
West Virginia	12	11	451	67	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin	47	47	2,846	231	90	90	.....	.....	24	20	33

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COUNCIL OF HIGH PRIESTS.

The Council of High Priests of the State of Indiana met in the Hall of Centre Lodge, No. 23, in the city of Indianapolis, at 4 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, October 19, 1875.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, V. P., as President.
E. CHARLES H. BUTTERFIELD, as Vice President.
Comp. SAMUEL B. RICHARDSON, as Chaplain.
Comp. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
Comp. H. G. HAZELRIGG, Recorder.
Comp. MARTIN H. RICE, Master of Ceremonies.
Comp. WILLIAM W. AUSTIN, as Conductor.
Comp. ROBERT VANVALZAH, as Herald.
Comp. CHARLES FISHER, Steward.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Companions John M. Bramwell, William H. Cash, Frank S. Devol, Elisha E. Drumb, James Hall, Samuel Marlatt, Frank Macartney, Lorenzo C. Miles, John M. Ryan, and William H. Smythe.

A Council of High Priests was opened in ample form, with solemn and appropriate ceremonies. Prayer by the Chaplain.

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Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, accompanied by the proper certificate of their having been elected to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, were presented by:

Comp. Wm. E. Hollingsworth, Evansville Chapter, No. 12.
Comp. Walter R. Godfrey, Michigan City Chapter, No. 25.
Comp. George P. Graff, Knightstown Chapter, No. 33.
Comp. William W. Hill, Plymouth Chapter, No. 49.
Comp. Edward J. Tuttle, Horeb Chapter, No. 66.

Companion Rice moved that the petitions be referred to a select committee; which was adopted, and Companions Foote, Austin and Devol, were appointed the committee.

Companion Foote, for the committee, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and recommended the admission of the petitioners.

Ballots were taken, which resulted in the election of the several petitioners.

The Council was then called from labor to recess until 7 o'clock this evening.

TUESDAY, 7 o'clock P. M.

Council met.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, V. P., as President.
E. SAMUEL MARLATT, as Vice President.
Comp. SAMUEL B. RICHARDSON, as Chaplain.
Comp. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
Comp. H. G. HAZELRIGG, Recorder.
Comp. MARTIN H. RICE, Master of Ceremonies.
Comp. GEORGE H. FISH, as Conductor.
Comp. ROBERT VANVALZAH, as Herald.
Comp. CHARLES FISHER, Steward.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.

Companions Wm. W. Austin, Wm. H. Cash, Aaron G. Gardner, James Hall, George W. F. Kirk. Frank Macartney, Roger Parry, Wm. H. Smythe, and W. L. Wood.

After prayer by the Chaplain, the Council was called from recess to labor in ample form.

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, accompanied by the proper certificate of their having been elected to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, were presented by:

Comp. Andrew Robertson, Lafayette Chapter, No. 3.
Comp. Thomas C. Bailey, Gosport Chapter, No. 61.

Which were referred to a select committee consisting of Companions Austin, Rice and VanValzah.

Companion Austin, for the committee, reported favorably, and recommended the admission of the petitioners; when ballots were had, which resulted in the election of the petitioners.

The petitioners who had been elected at the present and last meeting, and Companion Samuel Conkling, of King Solomon's Chapter, No. 4, (who had been elected at the meeting of the Council on the 20th of October, 1874,) were then introduced and consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in solemn form.

After prayer by the Chaplain, the Council was called from labor to recess until 5 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

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WEDNESDAY, Oct. 20, 1875, 5 o'clock P. M.

Council met.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, V. P., as President.
E. GEORGE H. FISH, as Vice President.
Comp. Rev. JOHN LEACH, Chaplain.
Comp. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
Comp. H. G. HAZELRIGG, Recorder.
Comp. GEORGE W. F. KIRK, as Master of Ceremonies.
Comp. THOMAS B. LONG, as Conductor.
Comp. MARTIN H. RICE, as Herald.
Comp. CHARLES FISHER, Steward.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Companions Benjamin F. Aiman, Thomas C. Bailey, Geo. P. Graff, Walter R. Godfrey, James Hall, Isaac A. Johnson, William E. Murray, Reuben Peden, William Roach, Andrew Robertson, and Addison D. Williams.

After prayer by the Chaplain, the Council was called from recess to labor in ample form.

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, accompanied by a certificate of their having been elected to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, were presented by:

Comp. Frank M. Weadon, Greensburgh Chapter, No. 8.
Comp. Cyrus P. Pence, New Castle Chapter, No. 50.
Comp. Nineveh Berry, Anderson Chapter, No. 52.
Comp. John C. Hibberts, Lawrenceburgh Chapter, No. 56.
Comp. John Graham, Kendallville Chapter, No. 64.
Comp. A. J. Alton, Warrick Chapter, No. 76.
Comp. George W. Shirey, Loogootee Chapter, No. 80.
Comp. Perry W. Gard, Clinton Chapter, No. 82,
Comp. Aden G. Cavens, Bloomfield Chapter, No. 84.
Comp. Eli R. Herman, Rochester Chapter, No. 90.
Comp. James H. Hutchinson, Elkhart Chapter, No. 91.

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On motion, the petitions were referred to a select committee consisting of Companions Fish, Foote and Rice.

Companion Fish, for the select committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and recommended the admission of the petitioners.

Ballots were taken, which resulted in the election of the several petitioners.

On motion of Companion Foote, the Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

M. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, President.
E. GEORGE H. FISH, Vice President.
Comp. Rev. JOHN LEACH, Chaplain.
Comp. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
Comp. H. G. HAZELRIGG, Recorder.
Comp. MARTIN H. RICE, Master of Ceremonies.
Comp. THOMAS B. LONG, Conductor.
Comp. REUBEN PEDEN, Herald.
Comp. CHARLES FISHER, Steward.

After prayer by the Chaplain, the Council was called from labor to recess until 7½ o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 20, 1875, 7½ o'clock P. M.

Council met.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, President.
E. GEORGE H. FISH, Vice President.
Comp. Rev. JOHN LEACH, Chaplain.
Comp. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Treasurer.
Comp. H. G. HAZELRIGG, Recorder.
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Comp. REUBEN PEDEN, Herald.
Comp. CHARLES FISHER, Steward.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.

Companions Benjamin F. Aiman, William Allen, Thomas C. Bailey, John M. Bramwell, Alexander Connelly, Benjamin Darrah, George P. Graff, Joseph Hole, Isaac A. Johnson, Thomas Poe, William Roach, Andrew Robertson, Wm. H. Smythe, Alva C. Trueblood, David Vankirk, and Addison Williams.

After prayer by the Chaplain, the Council was called from recess to labor.

The candidates who had been elected at the last meeting, except Comp. Frank M. Weadon, of Greensburgh Chapter, No. 8, were then introduced and consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in solemn form.

Companion Foote offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council of the Order of High Priesthood be tendered to Centre Lodge, No. 23, Ancient Landmarks Lodge, No. 319, and Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 398, of F. and A. Masons, for their kindness in furnishing the Grand Council the use of their Hall; and that the Recorder furnish them with a copy of this resolution.

Ordered, That the Treasurer, after paying the expenses of the meetings, pay the remaining funds to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter.

RECEIPTS OF THE COUNCIL.

For the Orders of High Priesthood	$18 00
For Diplomas	7 00
Total Receipts	$25 00
Deduct expenses	1 00
	$24 00

After prayer by the Chaplain, the Council was closed in solemn form.

ALEXANDER THOMAS,
President.

H. G. HAZELRIGG,
Recorder.

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AMENDMENTS.

AMENDMENT IN 1867.

The Rules for the Government of Subordinate Chapters were amended as follows, viz:

1. Rules 68 and 69 repealed. [See Report of Committee on Jurisprudence, page 21, proceedings 1867.]

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION IN 1868.

ON PAGES 29, 30.

1. Section 11, Article VIII, by striking out the word "January," where it occurs, and inserting the word "September."

2. Section 3, Article VII, by striking out the word "May," where it occurs, and inserting the word "October."

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION IN 1869.

WHAT REMOVES A PENALTY.

SECTION 204. The payment of all dues for which a member may stand suspended, will restore him to the privileges of the Order as an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason.

SEC. 205. The payment of all dues for which a member may stand expelled, and a vote of a majority of members present at a stated Communication, will restore him to his standing in the Order as an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason.

SEC. 104. A vote to reinstate must also be taken by ballot; and it shall require the same vote to remove a penalty that it does to impose it. *Provided*, That it shall require a unanimous

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vote of the Chapter, at a stated Communication, to restore to membership any one who may have been suspended or expelled for any cause whatever. [Proceedings 1869, page 40.]

AMENDMENTS IN 1871.

BY-LAWS.

Section 1, Article 1, amended so as to read as follows:

"The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be opened at 2 o'clock P. M., on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, at the Grand Lodge Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, and shall continue in session at such hours as shall be convenient, from day to day, until the business shall be fully disposed of." [Proceedings 1871, page 25.]

GRAND CHAPTER DUES.

Resolved, That the dues of Subordinate Chapters to this Grand Chapter shall hereafter be twenty-five cents for each member not legally remitted by the Chapter; the exaltation fee of two dollars each to remain as heretofore. [See Proceedings 1871, page 34.]

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN 1874.

Resolved, That the loss of an arm or a foot renders an applicant disqualified to receive any of the degrees conferred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. [Proceedings 1874, page 24.]

Resolved, That the annual meetings of this Grand Chapter shall hereafter be termed the Annual Convocation. [Proceedings 1874, page 36.]

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GRAND OFFICERS

1875.

M. E. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, of Crawfordsville, Grand High Priest.
R. E. REUBEN PEDEN, of Knightstown, Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. E. SIMEON S. JOHNSON, of Jeffersonville, Grand King.
R. E. MARTIN H. RICE, of Indianapolis, Grand Scribe.
R. E. CHARLES FISHER, of Indianapolis, Grand Treasurer.
R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.
E. REV. FRANCIS M. SYMMES, of Crawfordsville, Grand Chaplain.
E. THOMAS B. LONG, of Terre Haute, Grand Captain of the Hosts.
E. WILLIAM ROACH, of Anderson, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Companion WILLIAM M. BLACK, of Indianapolis, Grand Guard.

NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Indiana will be held in the City of Indianapolis, commencing at two o'clock P. M., on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, A. D. 1876, A. I. 2406, (October 18, 1876.)

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